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KOSSIE'S 100TH!

JOHN KOSMINA is rewarded for yet another Socceroo victory by wife Judy. 'Kossie' is set to break the 100 game barrier for Australia.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

JOHN KOSMINA, unquestionably one of Australia's greatest forwards of the modern era, is ready to wear Australia's colours on the field for the 100th time.

And perhaps there will be no more fitting occasion for this to occur than in the present Bicentennial Gold Cup.

As at today he has amassed 99 appearances, of which 58 have been in 'A' internationals.

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Pele's recommendations!

BY IAN MARRIOTT

WORLD football legend Pele particularly praised Brazilians Romario and Renato as players to watch in the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

The great man however is worried that Renato is ill in Italy, and won't be able to come on to Australia.

He was in great form when he addressed the press on his arrival in Sydney yesterday morning.

"Brazil will show you some magnificent football, particularly if they are well prepared," he said.

"On the other hand Argentina in already quite close to their World Cup team for Italy in 1990.

"They are more organised than Brazil at this stage of World Cup preparations.

"Individually, however, there isn't much difference between the players of both sides."

Speaking of the Bicentennial Gold Cup, Pele expressed the firm hope that there will be plenty of goals on show for the Australian crowds.

He is currently negotiating for a senior position with the Italian Federation.

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Patikas back to AEK

JIM PATIKAS has returned to Athens with the best wishes of the Australian Soccer community, for the job he did in helping the Socceroos to a place in the Seoul Olympic Games finals.

After all the problems of leaving AEK to play and the subsequent court action by the club, things have settled down for him.

AEK think so much of their Greek Australian striker that they have placed him on a three year contract, which began on July 1.

Which speaks volumes for his ability, as AEK are invariably close to the top of the Greek First Division.

Unquestionably the big news in the Patikas household is the birth of their son, Aris at Sydney's St George Hospital on July 27.

Wife Denise and baby will fly on to Athens when cleared by the doctor in about three months time.

Patikas called in to see ASW staff before leaving for Greece.

Questioned on Australia's chance of big performances in the Bicentennial Gold Cup, he replied: "The boys have had quite some time together.

"Despite the quality of the opposition, they know what international football is all about.

"I'm sure they can put up a performance that will do Australia proud, and then be ready for the Olympics."

Having been in so much hot water with AEK over his trip out for the Olympic Games qualifying matches, the chances of his representing Australia again in the foreseeable future are quite remote.

Of fellow Australians now in Greece, he said: "Lou Hristodoulou has done extremely well to find a place in midfield with Panathinaikos.

"Chris Kalantzis has a much bigger problem, although he is in the club's squad.

"Greek clubs play with two strikers, and the current Panathinaikos strikers could command a place in most absolute top teams anywhere around the world."

Jim Patikas is already back in training with AEK.

He is a fine sportsman of whom Australia can be proud, and there must be the hope, even if an outside one, that he will be able to don the green and gold once again.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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Jennings in triple challenge

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SOCCEROO left-back Graham Jennings is looking to a hat trick of events to add a further glow to an already lustrous football career.

Dependable to the nth degree, Jennings is ready for the Bicentennial Gold Cup series, the assault on the West End National Soccer League title, followed up by a bid to scale the heights at the September Olympic Games finals in Seoul.

But it isn't long since he was close to despair.

When the Olympic Games qualifying series against New Zealand, Israel and Chinese Taipei was all the buzz in March, Jennings was struck with a debilitating illness.

"It turned out to be a combination of glandular fever and hepatitis, and certainly left me completely flat," he explained.

"I had to gradually fight my way back from there, but now I'm at the stage that I don't really think I could be fitter."

What with Sydney Croatia sessions and the regular Socceroo training, there seems little wonder that he is jumping out of his skin.

Dealing with the Bicentennial Gold Cup, he said: "We've all been looking forward to the chance to play the current World Cup holders (Argenina) and the country that has won the World Cup three times (Brazil).

"Exposure to this type of opponent must do wonders for our Olympic Games campaign.

"Our big advantage is that we can produce a solid team effort.

"We are not the most spectacular of teams, but everyone plays his part and the comradeship is excellent.

"I suppose over recent matches only Frank Farina has stood out a little, the rest work away at their games to turn out a strong combined effort."

Most of the current Socceroos have had limited experience playing against the giants of South American football.

Jennings saw service against Brazilian club side Vasco da Gama, and went to Paraguay in 1979 with the Australian Youth team, along with Alan Davidson.

On the club front, Jennings is happy with the way Sydney Croatia is going, although a ten game unbeaten run was cut short by a remarkable recovery by Brunswick Juventus.

Croatia has a tremendously difficult end of season run of matches, and is yet to face South Melbourne, Marconi, St George and Wollongong, the last three being at home.

Jenning's view? "I prefer to have stiff opposition. We wouldn't deserve the minor premiership if we can't come out on top against the very best," he said.

GRAHAM JENNINGS is challenged by Dinamo Zagreb's and Yugoslavia's exciting young talent ZVONIMIR BOBAN.

Paul Trimboli's remarkable potential

BY GREG BLAKE

SOONER or later young South Melbourne Hellas star Paul Trimboli was destined to become a national team player.

Throughout a spectacular career with Brighton, the AIS and Sunshine George Cross, this most exciting of young players has had class stamped indelibly on his play.

As former George Cross assistant coach and Socceroo great Jimmy Rooney told me: "You could always tell he was something special."

As it has transpired, Trimboli's selection at just 19 years of age brought him into the Socceroo squad sooner than possibly he expected to be.

But one can hardly question his elevation.

His club coach Brian Garvey has nurtured his young crop, Trimboli has bloomed as the rest of the team has blossomed around him.

South Melbourne has become the most watchable team in Melbourne this year, even if the rough edges haven't been taken off quite yet.

Although Trimboli has quite aways to go, he too has become a symbol, if not the defintive symbol, of the Hellas resurgence.

The club's faithful echo Rooney's words.

The team excites but when Trimboli is on the ball there is ways a sense of unmistakable expectation in the crowd.

It over-rides any adulation I've witnessed since the days of big Branko Buljevic.

Trimboli could score a few more goals, he could involve himself a bit more — there's a thousand things he has to learn.

But he is only 19 and already he's a potential champion in the making.

There is something special about Trimboli — that mark of a champion in the making in that when he is on the ball simply no-one can anticipate what's going to come next.

"Some of the things he does are incredible — unbelievable", said team mate Danny Wright.

"It gives you the confidence to try things yourself."

If he has that effect at 19, Hellas supporters, and Socceroo fans, can expect that the best is yet to come.

"He's the type of player who you can play the ball up to and he shields and holds the ball and brings others into the game", Garvey says of Trimboli.

"He's great at turning defenders in the box. He've very dangerous and he makes defenders anxious.

"And his temperament is so good.

"He gets brought down from behind and fouled, but he just picks himself and carries on."

It would be unfair to the player himself to compare him to anyone at his tender age.

But if he reminds me of anyone it must be prolific-scoring former Tottenham ace, Clive Allen.

Like Allen he is not particularly gifted with pace but he does have those same elusive qualities, the same balance and the same deadly close skills.

Footscray's Gary Van Egmond is one man who's had the dubious pleasure of trying to stop the Trimboli menace in club Soccer.

"He's the type of player that can score given just half a chance", says Van Egmond.

"You just can't allow him any space because he can turn so quickly."

John Gardiner introduced Trimboli to the NSL with Sunshine George Cross last season.

The canny George Cross boss says Trimboli impressed him from the first time he saw him.

"But I felt when he was at the AIS he would benefit from the full-time training at the Institute", Gardiner explained.

"In the youth league finals he stood out, and I was very interested at having the boy at George Cross.

"We persisted with him (in the senior team) longer than normal, but after a while he was starting to take all the knocks and handled them alright.

"Once he overcame the problems he had an exceptional second half of the year."

"I'll be very surprised if he doesn't go on to play for Australia."

As Garvey said: "There's not many of that type of player around."

PAUL TRIMBOLI displays the explosive turn in his repetoire to good effect, for South Melbourne against his old club Sunshine George Cross
Photo from Carmelo Bazzano

NSW meets with the NSL clubs

THE board of directors of the NSW Federation has invited its affiliated clubs, who participate in the West End National Soccer League, to attend a meeting.

The meeting has been convened to consult with these clubs about the restructuring of semi-professional football in NSW.

The reorganisation which is to take place is in accordance with the Federation's Strategic Development Plan, which was presented at the last annual general meeting in December 1987.

As the restructuring of the NSW competitions will have a substantial impact on the future direction of the code, the directors considered it opportune to seek the views of the NSW clubs involved currently in the West End National Soccer League.

The invitation has been extended to the presidents and secretaries of the clubs to meet with the NSW board on Tuesday, 12th July 1988.

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ASW's GREG BLAKE can heard on Arthur Higgins Sports Show 5-7pm weekdays

ARGENTINE & BRAZIL COACHES DEADLY SERIOUS

WINNERS!

THE pedigree of the teams taking part in the Bicentennial Gold Cup (kicking off tonight in Adelaide) cannot be questioned.

Take these pics at left for instance. The shots are significant in that they are the last trophies won by the great footballing nations of Brazil and Argentina.

On the far side RAI (who was not considered for Gold Cup selection) gets to grips with the 'Sir Stanley Rous Cup' last year after the Brazilians had beaten England and Scotland in the tournament.

No prizes for guessing what the adjacent pic is about. Argentina's last success was the winning of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, their captain DIEGO MARADONA shows off the spoils of that great win.

BILARDO, SILVA SET THE RULES

BY GREG BLAKE

LONG before Argentina and Brazil reached our shores for the first time last Thursday, the conjecture as to how seriously these two most famous footballing nations were taking the Bicentennial Gold Cup was the main talking point.

Therefore it came as no surprise that THE question was the very first put to both camps when they arrived at Tullamarine.

Argentian boss Dr Carlos Bilardo, looking grim-set and determined, ended the speculation on the spot as his immaculately attired squad sat down to its first Aussie press conference before winging its way to Adelaide.

"Every time we play outside Argentina we always take it seriously", Bilardo fired back.

"We are serious about every competition we play in.

"To Argentina there is no such thing as friendly games."

Bilardo admitted his Gold Cup squad featured a number of younger players, but was quick to point out that every nation that fought out the last World Cup had made numerous personnel changes in the past two years.

"This competition gives me the opportunity to see if it is worth retaining some of the younger players in the squad", Bilardo explained.

"We will be looking seriously at who will be staying and who will be going.

"This series is part of our ten matches per year program as we look toward the final team for the 1990 World Cup."

Bilardo conceded he knew little about the Saudi Arabians, other than information he had received from friends in that country.

But he said he had watched video tapes of the Socceroos and he knew to expect a "tough, hard battle".

"I believe the series will be good for the Socceroos as well as our team," Bilardo said. "And we also look forward to meeting old rivals Brazil."

Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Silva maintained that he'd "bought a team capable of winning the Cup."

"But I don't think for a minute it will be all Brazil and Argentina", he said.

"All the teams are preparing for the Olympics or the World Cup and this is one stop on the way.

"I certainly know the Australians play a strong game and they will be good opponents in preparing for Seoul."

TOP of page: Left — Brazil win the Rous Cup and Rai shows his pleasure by planting a kiss on the spoils of victory. Right: Diego Maradona holds the World Cup aloft following Argentina's 1986 win.

CURRENT SOCCEROO APPEARANCES

	Inter-nationals	'B' Inter-nationals	Non Inter-nationals	TOTAL
Graham Arnold	18	2	14	34
Vlado Bozinovski				
Oscar Crino	21		28	49
Alan Davidson	33		23	56
Robbie Dunn	16	2	15	33
Gary van Egmond				
Frank Farina	21	2	31	54
Mike Gibson	3		2	5
Ian Gray	5	2	14	21
Alan Hunter	6			6
Graham Jennings	23		29	62
Andy Koczka	1			1
John Kosmina	58		41	99
Scott Ollerenshaw	3		2	5
Jeff Olver	19		19	38
Mike Petersen	6	2	10	18
Angie Postecoglou	2	—	—	2
Wally Savor	14		15	29
Robbie Slater	—	—	4	4
Alex Tobin	3		2	5
Paul Wade	17	2	8	27
Charlie Yankos	30	—	35	65

Pele's arrival

BY IAN MARRIOTT

PELE's presence at the Sydney Airport on Tuesday morning was a clear indication that the Bicentennial Gold Cup was about to get under way.

In his heyday the former Santos, Brazil and New Yorker Cosmos star rode over the world football scene like a colossos.

No wonder he is revered in football circles.

He scored over 1200 goals, 95 of which came in 110 appearances for Brazil.

In the World Cup he first came to prominence in 1958 in Sweden, to secure the first of two World Cup medals at the age of 17.

Argentina's national team coach CARLOS BILARDO

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Pressure on Preston

BY JOHN MANGAN

PRESTON Makedonia is staring right down the barrel after Sunday's 4-1 home defeat to the erratic, often brilliant, Sunshine George Cross.

With Brunswick Juventus powering their way up the table, that could well leave Makedonia, last year's national league runner up, locked in a struggle with Apia, last year's champion, to avoid relegation.

Morale is down in the Makedonia camp but with games against the three other teams in the bottom four still to come, their future is in their own hands.

John Gardiner's boys, Sunshine George Cross, ended their horror-stretch of losses and leapt back into the top five, jubilantly slamming four past the home team but seemed set for another defeat in the sixth minute when a defensive error let Georgie Petrov nip in to score.

Sydney referee John McConnell consulted with his linesman before awarding the goal until it was confirmed that a defender had got the last touch to the ball before Petrov pounced.

"That was a stupid goal to give away," coach Gardiner said after the game. "But then the defence really did its job. Makedonia didn't have any more real scoring chances till the last five minutes."

The rest of the first-half was marked by niggling fouls and referee McConnell awarded no less than seven yellow cards as the game progressed.

Makedonia won the card-tally 4-3 with Con Opasinis. Steve Jackson, Stewart Stevenson and Steve Gojevic all being booked along with Sunshine's Shaun Parton, Les Carter and Gary Clark.

Parton was taken off in the 64th minute with suspected rib damage.

George Cross owes its victory to a three goal burst at the beginning of the second-half which began when Andrew Marth rose to head home a corner and level the scores at 1-1.

In the 51st minute Robert Markovac put George Cross ahead when he found himself on his own as the ball spun across the face of goal.

Barely had Makedonia restarted the game when John Markovski strolled through the middle of their defence from a Jeff Paulkner pass and drilled the ball past goalkeeper Phil Traianidis to put the visitors 3-1 up.

With Markovski moving up to partner Markovac and striker Gary Clark dropping back into the midfield George Cross were tearing the red and black defence to shreds and Markovski was on hand in the 73rd minute to hammer home a cross from Markovac to put the result beyond any doubt.

Trying to rev up his side Makedonia boss Andon Doncevski put on Goce Dimovski and Veseli Soklevski for Stewart Stevenson and Steve Gojevic, and he pushed defender Zoran Tasevski into the midfield but no goals were forthcoming.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianidis, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Jackson, Trasevski, Stewart, Petrov, Campbell, Stevenson (Dimovski 57th), Smith, Gojevic (Soklevski 78th). Coach: Andon Doncevski.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh, Ketsakidis, Campell (Lennon 81st), PArton (Taylor 64th), Waddell, Carter, Paulkner, Marth, Markovac, Markovski, Clark. Coach: John Gardiner.

Referee: John McConnell. Crowd: 3000.

Lament over Croatia

By GREG BLAKE

WHEN Melbourne Croatia is looking on instead of participating in the 1988 finals series its players will be able to look fairly and squarely in the mirror and know they've only themselves to blame.

On Sunday at Olympic Park a weakened Marconi was on a run of outs and ripe to be beaten.

But Croatia, seemingly lacking in those necessary character intangibles commitment and desire left its fans lamenting once again as it fell to a 2-0 defeat and relinguished its hold on fifth place.

Ian Wallace locked his team away immediately after the game and left a lonely figure of team manager David Filipovic pacing dejectedly up and down outside the changeroom door.

A curt "no comment" from Filipovic all but summed up his team's afternoon.

For mighty Marconi the double chance is in their sights, and who could say they didn't deserve it.

On Sunday Marconi, without Henderson and Gomez, had its back to the wall after enduring games in the closing stages this season almost threw it away again.

As a result of one of several defence mistakes - this time a Paul Shillabeer backheader - substitute Terry Patalis drifted in to fire a fearce shot that Robert Zabica held well.

The late lapse again disappointed angry coach Zoran Matic.

"I have never been with a such a naive bunch of players," he said. "We got ourselves into a winning position then almost threw it away with some extraordinary play in defence.

"We have given away six points in the closing stages this season and almost did it again.

"Really if our players were hungry and they had a fridge full of food 90 percent of them would starve, because they would not be able to feed themselves."

City though deserved the points. With Neville Flounders bottling up poorly served John Kosmina City had a platform from which to work.

Aurelio Vidmar and Adrian Santrac guided fortunes well in midfield but few chances were created.

The best came shortly before halftime when Gosling twice made startling saves.

First Santrac fired in a 30 metre shot that the keeper tipped round for a corner then Vidmar rifled in a volley that had the Argentinians applauding as Gosling pushed past for another corner.

Olympic's only chance apart from the late Patalis shot was a well worked free kick Gary Phillips shot to draw a good save from Zabinca.

Olympic Eddie Thomson said: "The pitch was a shocker with mud and bumps and really it was the side that was going to handle it better that would win.

"City perhaps did that, we made one mistake and were punished but I was disappointed in the way City bottled up play after their goal and the way they niggled and tackled."

Referee Richard Lorenc had a fine game but still was called on to book Olympic's Tommy Pontiadas and Robert Ironside and Santrac of City.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica, Shillabeer, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vedmar.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling, Hooker, Phillips, Ironside, Coady, Pontiadas (Patalis 73), Saad, Raskopoulos, Kosmina, Polak, Lee.

Referee: R. Lorenc. Crowd: 2096.

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Marconi's Fred de Jong climbs high to win this heading duel against Adelaide City last week at Bossley Park. Pic — Frank Saya.

Sunshine defender Don McLaren arrives too late to prevent Wollongong's Pat Brodnik getting a shot in a Brandon Park. The Wolves picked up two valuable points with a 3-1 win. — Courtesy of ILLAWARRA MERCURY.

Saints head for semi-final place

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE are still on course, steaming ahead for a spot in the NSL semi-finals after taking care of visiting Brisbane Lions with a 3-2 win at the St George Stadium.

Star of the match was St George's red-haired striker Scott Ollerenshaw who scored two goals and set up the other.

The Saints had streaked ahead to a 3-1 lead but defender Frank Mengotti scared the daylights out of St George when he poked home a Brett Druery corner in the 82nd minute for Lions' second goal.

Ironically it was the luckless Lions that broke into the lead when brilliant striker Druery ripped St George apart in the 30th minute with a scorching 45 metre raid down centre pitch.

As Druery invaded deep into Saints' half, he saw their defence lines open up in front of him so he steamed on. From a solid 25 metres out Druery unleashed a lethal bomb which crashed into the St George net leaving goalkeeper Mike Gibson clutching air.

"It was the best goal I have scored in my career," the former Rockhampton 24-year-old striker told us.

"We lost this match because we dropped our concentration for a period of about 10 minutes which let Saints off the hook."

Lions coach Frank Liddell endorsed Druery's remarks saying: "There was only one team on the park and because we lost concentration for a few minutes we allowed Ollerenshaw to score the two goals of which one was an unfortunate penalty."

Frank Arok, the St George coach who now has collected 10 precious League points over the last 20 days, analysed: "Lions were far better than I expected. Had they played all season like they did against us, they certainly wouldn't be in the bad position they're in today.

"We couldn't play all that well as Andy Koczka, Mike Grbevski, Pedro Ricoy and David Green all were suffering from a virus."

St George struggled to level but just a minute before "drinks" Kevin Hagan brought joy to his side slamming a rocketing header into Lions' net after meeting a perfectly measured cross from the right by Ollerenshaw.

Saints hit the front in the 69th minute when substitute Graeme Fletcher slung in a cross from the left to find Ollerenshaw flying high to head into the net.

Referee Rob Davies awarded Saints a penalty in the 75th minute when Ollerenshaw was fouled, first by Alan Niven and then by Frank Mengotti inside the box. Ollerenshaw scored neatly from the spot to put Saints further ahead 3-1.

Eight minutes from the bell, Lions scored again following a corner from the right in which Gibson dropped the ball. Mengotti raced in to score Lions' second goal.

Seconds from fulltime, Lions came perilously close to stealing a draw as central defender John Lowey shaved the base of the right post with his glancing header from a corner.

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Green (Tortevski 10th), O'Shea, O'Connor, Grbevski (Fletcher 60th): Ricoy, Moffitt, Koczka, Pottler: Ollerenshaw, Hagan.

BRISBANE LIONS: Kearton: Cummings, Lowey, Mengotti, Niven: Clarkson, Wheeler (Eastwell 80th), Lightbown, Ogden: Cole, Druery

Referee: R.Davies.

Crowd: 618.

Bilardo sees Adcity breathe much easier

BY ALAN CLARK

Dr Carlos Bilardo and his Argentinian squad watched the action as Adelaide City ensured safety from relegation with a merited 1-0 win over Sydney Olympic at Olympic Sports Field.

The Argentinians in Adelaide for Wednesday's opening Bicentennial Gold Cup tie against Saudi Arabia hardly could have been impressed.

There was little to warm the spirit on a bitterly cold day.

Coach Bilardo was diplomatic over the game.

"It is not fair to make observations on the standard of your soccer after only one game," said Bilardo through an interpreter.

"I thought Olympic had the better of the first half and Adelaide City was better in the second."

A rare moment of Charlie Villani magic separated the sides in 56 minutes.

Villani, a former Socceroo who has not had a season to remember, stole the ball on the halfway line from Grant Lee and scampered towards goal.

He cut into the penalty area and squared a cross that Stevie Maxwell missed. The ball landed at Joe Mullins feet and he took his time to steer a shot into the corner of the net away from Kiwi international keeper Clint Gosling.

But City which has squandered several

Lions draw although Rod Brown dismissed

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE Lions' hapless season was highlighted when they failed to take full points from an Apia Leichhardt side which played for 39 minutes of the second half with 10 men.

Apia striker Rod Brown was sent off by referee Alan Kibbler just six minutes after the break following a roughhouse tackle on Lions defender John Lowey, and the dismissal should have been the advantage Lions needed to score their first win in two months.

But the struggling Brisbane side failed to use their one man advantage and, but for the woodwork and yet another fine display from young goalkeeper Jason Kearton, could have lost the game.

Throughout the match Apia goalkeeper Tony Pezzano was not forced to make a save, and it is hard to see Lions collecting many more points this season.

Apart from the send-off, Brown had been a villain in the first half when he missed a golden opportunity to put the Sydney side ahead.

He pounced on a poor backpass from Frank Mengotti and rounded Kearton and had an open goal. But in his urgency to get the ball into the net as Lions defenders quickly closed in, Brown blasted his attempt over the top.

Five minutes later he lost his marker and launched a powerful header towards the Lions goal, but again Kearton was too good and turned the ball away.

The upright saved Lions in the 69th minute. Alex Bundalo, who had been a hard worker throughout and took an extra midfield graft when Leichhardt were reduced by a man, made a strong run and fired a blistering 35m shot which rattled the Lions goal but deflected away.

In the 80th minute Kearton came to Lions' rescue yet again. From a freekick on the edge of the box, Jean-Paul de Marigny cleverly curled his shot around the four-man wall but Kearton was quick to react and dived full length to catch the ball at his fingertips.

"Their goalkeeper was absolutely brilliant," said Apia Leichhardt coach Rale Rasic. "But the credit must go to the team that was reduced to 10 men but still attacked and had the best chances to win the game."

For Lions, a point - their first in five weeks - was better than nothing. But they needed two to keep any hopes of survival alive. Coach Frank Liddell, still believing in miracles, hoped the draw would be a turning point.

"We still have eight games to go, we only have to string a few results together and the whole picture will change. We are not relegated yet," he said.

The 212 dedicated Lions fans who turned out to see the three times postponed match - probably the lowest NSL crowd ever - are probably the only ones who believe him.

BRISBANE LIONS: Kearton, McSkimming, Cummings, Lowey, Mengotti, Niven, Clarkson, Ogden, Lightbown (Druery 86m), Wheeler, Cole.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano, de Marigny, Yankos, Reynolds, Stewart, Bundalo, Tredinnick, McKinna, R Brown, Phillips, Butler.

Referee: Alan Kibbler. Crowd: 212.

Lamond puts Syd. Croatia on top

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE incredible pace of Manis Lamond shattered the Footscray JUST defence and set the scene for Sydney Croatia's 2-0 win at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday.

Although Footscray coach ???? gave no bouquets to Croatia over their win, they are pressing for the minor premiership. Admittedly with the close attention of Marconi, South Melbourne and Wollongong.

????? said: "It wasn't a high standard game. It was one of the worst we have played all year. Croatia didn't impress me, and of course we missed Vlado Bozinovski."

Croatia's boss'Vedran pleased that his match tactics of giving the Footscray midfield and defence little room to move worked out well. played a big part, and Mark Jones stuck to his job on Oscar Crino," he added.

It was an allround display from Croatia, with the 5623 lapping up the proceedings.

Whilst the elegant Crino was the purring motor of his team, certainly the hard working Jones was able to do enough to often keep him out of top gear.

Nikitovic's extraordinary goalkeeping skills saved Footscray as early as the fourth minute.

Graham Arnada produced what looked to be a winning header from an inswinging Shane Clinch right wing corner, but somehow Nikitovic unwounded to punch the ball awya for an unproductive corner on the far side.

When Lamond's goal came it was a jem. He shook off a defender who had the temerity to grab his shirt, and raced through to whip in a repier-like shot with his left foot.

Twice at the end of the first half went close, but things didn't quite turn out.

Milan Dimoski went close for Footscray in the 54th minute, whilst at the other end Slater should have wrapped it up four minutes later from an Arnold cross.

But Slater started things in motion for his team's second goal, a strong free kick from outside the penalty box clipped a defender, with Shane Clinch right on the spot to tuck the ball away with clinical efficency.

There was quite a strong police presence, but it is pleasing to report that nobody stepped out of line.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Savor, Jennings, Hunter, Rozic, Clinch, Slater, Jones, Arnold, Petkovski (Foster 85m), Lamond.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikitovic, Barjaktarvic, Deankovic, Murphy, van Egmond, Mitrovski, Tapal, Crino, Spink, Dimoski (Karic 78m), Fabrizio (Curovic 64m).

Referee: G. Power. Crowd: 5623.

Melb. Croatia vs Marconi

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guelling Saturday of travel up and down the east coast with Tullamarine fog-bound for much of the day.

With just one win in six previous games and faced with the prospect of dropping out of the top three Marconi faced a man-sized job of tackling Croatia away and came through with flying colours.

And the win was in no small part due to Zlatko Nastevski, rated by one rival coach as the most valuable player in the league.

I can understand why — Nastevski turned this match single-handedly after Melbourne Croatia had had by far the better of the opening 20 minutes.

He won tackles, looked as smooth as silk on the ball, chased, harried and generally inspired Marconi out of its lethargy.

It was fitting he scored the 31st minute match-opener and Croatia supporters could only look on in anguish as he was allowed a free far post header to reach Frank Farina's cross.

Croatia had its chances to equalise, the just three minutes from time as Paul Lewis ran on to a Josip Biskic through ball and could only slice the shot past the far post with only Catlin to beat.

Marconi made it 2-0 into injury time as Frank Farina, beaten all day by the dogged George Hannah, got free to knock home a Peter Katholos corner.

Croatia's real contributors were few and far between on a dismal day for the Melbourne club with only Hannah, Alan Davidson, Robbie Dunn and one or two others who can genuinely hold their heads high.

Matteo Colucci made his starting debut for Marconi whilst Anthony Grbac appeared as a sub in Melbourne Croatia colours after his transfer from Juventus last week.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver, Heys, Davidson, Dunn, Hannah, Caleta, Lewis, Biskic, Selemidis, White, Milosevic (Grabac 71).

MARCONI: Catlin, Carter, Rizzotto, Wheatley, Calderan, Gary, McCulloch, Nastevski (Katholos 87), Farina, De Jong (Lowe 63), Colucci.

Referee: J. Fraser. Crowd: 1980.

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National League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	22	14	2	6	33	25	30
Marconi	22	11	7	4	41	21	29
South Melbourne	22	11	7	4	32	26	29
Wollongong City	21	10	7	4	30	24	27
Sunshine GC	22	10	4	8	34	34	24
St George	22	10	3	9	38	31	23
Melbourne Croatia	22	8	6	8	24	24	22
Sydney Olympic	22	7	7	8	23	20	21
Adelaide City	22	7	7	8	30	32	21
Footscray	22	5	9	8	31	30	19
Apia Leichhardt	22	6	6	10	22	30	18
Preston Mak	22	3	10	9	21	34	16
Brunswick Juve	22	5	5	12	25	35	15
Brisbane Lions	21	4	4	13	24	42	12

Results

SUNSHINE 4 (J Markovski 2, A Marth, R Markovac) PRESTON 1 (G Petrov) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 3000.

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (M Lamond, S Clinch) FOOTSCRAY 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 5623.

ST GEORGE 3 (S Ollerenshaw 2, K Hagan) BRISBANE LIONS 2 (B Druery, F Mengotti) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 618.

MARCONI 2 (Z Nastevski, F Farina) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1900.

WOLLONGONG 0 APIA LEICHHARDT 0 at Brandon Park. Crowd: 1731.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 BRUNSWICK 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 5487.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (J Muller) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 3570.

BRISBANE LIONS 0 APIA LEICHHARDT 0 at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 212.

Top Scorers

FRANK FARINA	Marconi	15
WARREN SPINK	Footscray JUST	12
PAUL LEWIS	Melbourne Croatia	11
STEVE MAXWELL	Adelaide City	10
ZLATKO NASTEVSKI	Marconi	10
JOE PALATSIDES	Brunswick	10
SCOTT OLLERENSHAW	St George	10
CHARLIE EGAN	Brunswick Juve	9
GRAHAM ARNOLD	Sydney Croatia	9
MANIS LAMOND	Sydney Croatia	9
JOHN KOSMINA	Sydney Olympic	7
ANGIE POSTECOGLOU	S Melbourne	7
HILTON PHILLIPS	Apia	7
RANDELL EASTHORPE	Wollongong	7
PAUL TRIMBOLI	South Melbourne	7
MILAN DIMOSKI	Footscray	6
DANNY WRIGHT	South Melbourne	6
KEVIN HAGAN	St George	6
JOHN MARKOVSKI	Sunshine	6

Apia's commitment at Brandon Park

BY PHIL MURPHY

APIA coach Rale Rasic was in a happy mood after his team had earned a valuable point in Wollongong on Sunday.

He was happy because his team had finally shown they have the commitment to get clear of relegation trouble - he even managed time to give Wollongong City players some praise.

Other coaches visiting Brandon Park this season have expressed surprise that the Wolves are so close to the top of the table but Rasic said they have earned their success.

Rasic said coaches with teams below Wollongong must be crazy to rubbish them. "They have six points more than my team so they are doing a lot right," Rasic said.

"I thought my players defended very well today and the commitment was certainly good particularly after a hard game in Brisbane on Friday night."

In the Wolves dressing room coach John Fleming was far from happy with what had happened during the scoreless draw.

"I have no doubt Rasic sent his players out there to kick mine at every opportunity," Fleming said.

"It was very obvious to me from the start Apia were intent on carrying out his orders and we were lucky to escape without a serious injury."

Ironically the only time the game could have really erupted was in the 52nd minute when Wolves striker Pat Brodnik clashed with Apia goalkeeper Tony Pezzano.

Apia players were irate at what happened and only Brodnik's speed in retreating prevented an all in brawl.

Brodnik was booked for his challenge but said later it was fifty-fifty ball and he felt entitled to go for it.

The card means Brodnik will now miss Sunday's home game against Brisbane Lions and there must be a big chance Marshall Soper will make the starting lineup for the first time.

Rasic was spot on in praising his defence as they came in for a lot of pressure, Charlie Yankos giving one of his strong performances with Kurt Reynolds and Pezzano giving strong support.

Apia front runners Hilton Philips and Lawrie McKinna were hardly sighted against a very confident Wollongong defence in which fullback Mike Hollifield was outstanding.

Wollongong goalkeeper Warwick Young had only one save to make in the 90 minutes having done well to push a Peter Tredinnick effort over the top in the first half.

The home side dominated midfield but the countless buildups came to nothing.

Fleming had no complaints about his team's performance. "Generally we perform very well and the point leaves us in a very sound position," he said.

WOLLONGONG: Young, Skeen, Hollifield, Vletstra, Ratcliffe, Cokely, Ainsworth, Brodnik, Easthorpe, Kotamanidis (Soper 73), Crainie.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano, de Marigny, Yankos, Reynolds, Stewart, Bundalo, Philips, Tredinnick (Parison 70), McKinna, Zajmi, Butler (Mark Brown 55).

Referee: Don Campbell. Crowd: 1731.

Brunswick collects again

BY PETER DESIRA

THE game between Brunswick Juventus and Preston Makedonia in the second last round may turn out to be the decisive fixture of the relegation battle for the 1988 season — and Juve is set to go into the match as a firm favorite to take the two points.

Brunswick picked up its seventh point in four games on Sunday by holding South Melbourne to a 0-0 draw.

South Melbourne was the better side for most of the match, mainly because Paul Wade held sway in midfield and fullback Angie Postecoglou dominated with his forward surges down the left flank.

But Juventus defended with its new found determination and almost managed to sneak both points with a last minute break.

Sean Lane shrugged off a challenge to get through down the left side and sent over a cross which split open the South defence. Unfortunately Charlie Egan was a split second out with the timing of his run and just failed to connect heading the ball into the open goal.

Lane had missed the other good chance that Juve had early in the second half when he rasn onto a lay-off from Egan but hit his shot wide of the target.

Those two chances apart, South Melbourne looked the side more likely to score and once it stepped up its pace in the closing half hour. Juve had to defend grimly to protect the result.

Psotecoglou, in superb touch, shrugged off a couple of challenges to create South's best chance in the 73rd minute. He cut inside to fire a shot past Peter Laumets But John Yzendoorn prevented the goal with a goalline clearance.

Just two minutes later, another Postecoglou shot came off Garry McDowall's hand but referee Jim Reeves overruled claims for a penalty.

Late in the match Laumets also made good saves off successive shots by Steve Tassios and Paul Trimboli.

The draw took added significance at the end of the match once it was known that fellow struggler Preston Makedonia had lost.

But Juve may be coming up against problems as it lost Mike Petersen early in the game with a groin strain.

The Socceroo said after the game, he felt it snap in the opening seconds of the game and he is in danger of losing his spot in the Socceroo squad for the Gold Cup because of the injury.

South also was without a regular in David Healy who pulled out because of a virus.

The loss of the point knocked South off top perch in the table but the Middle Park set-up still has a good chance of finishing the season as the league leader to get the double chance in the championship play-offs.

It has to play Sydney Croatia at the home and also has an intriguing fixture against Wollongong in the remaining four rounds.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: MacLarne, Anezakis, Blair, Fernandes, Postecoglou, Kalogeros, Wade, Tassios, Tsolakis, Wright, Trimboli.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Laumets, Durakovic, Brown, McDowall, Yzendoorn, Petersen (Lane 26th), Belic, Patterson, Zinni Palatsides, Egan.

Referee: Jim Reeves. Crowd: 5487.

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Stormy finish at the Gabbie

Blacktown City Demons scored through Ralph Maier in the dying stages against Polonia at the Gabbie last Sunday to win 1-0 and edge closer to Melita Eagles at the top of the table.

The visitors did not take kindly to the decision to award a goal to Blacktown with only 70 seconds left.

Maier cracked a five metre drive which hit the underside of the bar and came crushing down and out.

The linesman, Keith Lockrey, who was in a good position, immediately signalled the ball had crossed the line before spinning out.

As Blacktown players celebrated their two pointer an ugly scene developed at the far side, with some visiting supporters hurling abuse at the linesman. He was promptly swapped with the linesman on the other side by the referee Mr Speers to difuse a volatile situation.

A few moments later the game ended amidst strong complaints by Polonia players as well as supporters.

The locals were far from their best and only Glen Sterrey and Alan Reis could walk away satisfied with their performances.

Bruce Thurlow was in fine touch for Polonia cutting off a menacing Bobby Naumov cross in the 30th minute then making some great saves at the end as the Demons came forward looking for that elusive winner.

Lesek Kulwicki was Polonia's star as he controlled his defence as well as frequently taking the ball up.

He was on the spot midway through the first half to clear off the line as Reis lobbed the keeper.

But he crashed into the post and required attention.

Polonia might have gone away from the Gabbie far happier had Janduda found the mark with his header after 28 minutes.

Gavin Thompson was also wide with his effort a few minutes earlier.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, L Sterrey, G Sterrey, Dunn, Denyer, Cavanah, Kay, Maier, Reis (Thornmthwaite), Naumov, Van Blerk.

POLONIA: Thurlow, Chou (Beemer), Robertson, Kulwicki, Lasek, Anderson, Sobczyk, Thompson, Drys, Janduda, Janic.

Favourites to take points

It will be a round for the high fliers next week as they take on the league minnows.

Newcastle Austral is bound to start the ball rolling at Austral Park when they meet Canberra City. It is going to be the one that Newcastle must win to keep its hopes of retaining the top four position.

Blacktown City should account for Canterbury at Arlington, while Melita Eagles look odds on to return to the winning list against Wollongong Macedonia at Melita Stadium next Sunday.

And what about Rockdale Ilinden against Inter Monaro at Hurstville. The last time the two sides met Ilinden led 3-0 only to lose 5-3 after rampant Marko Perinovic took over.

I cannot see a repetition of this result and in fact fancy Ilinden to take the spoils.

Polonia should make light work of downing Yugal at Chopin Park while Warringah Freshwater and Ku-ring-gai once again will engage in the battle for the North Sydney premiership at Grahames Reserve.

Uruguay and Sutherland will meet at Cook Park in what promises to be the match of the day. Uruguay is undefeated in its last nine matches while Sutherland Sharks boast a seven-game run without defeat.

Uruguay will have a slight edge due to the home ground advantage and its fire power. But one must never underestimate this resolute Sutherland side with some fine young players, particularly Daryl Sharpe and Michael Lardis in the forwards.

Wollongong steamrolled

Wollongong Macedonia started well enough scoring after only two minutes through Scott Hughes but fell back and were duly hammered by Inter Monaro 6-1 at Kelly Park last Sunday.

It was no picnic for the large Macedonian following as Inter Monaro hit back after conceding an early goal.

Stan Dukic hit two to give Inter Monaro the edge after 32 minutes. A glancing header by Sebastian Giampaolo made it 3-1 only a minute later and the writing was on the wall.

"We failed to compete in the air and were punished for it," said a disappointed Wollongong Macedonia coach John Bingham.

And it was headers that continued to pour in and beat John Krajnovic.

Marko Perinovic's header at the far post in the 58th saw Inter edge further away, then another header from Giampaolo after 70 minutes signalled the departure of the home support.

The crowd simply could not take any more of the inept defence and simply left the ground.

Inter Monaro managed yet another as its goal-a-match man Perinovic ran away from Wollongong defenders two minutes before the end to make it 6-1.

The visitors were far more competitive and deserved their win while Wollongong must thank their lucky stars for Yugal who are six points adrift and appear to be hopelessly stuck to the bottom of the table.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Krajnovic, Alnger, Campbell, Sweeney, Berringer (Nastoski), Slaveski, Wellbourn, Godzik, Hughes, Hristovski, Giraldi (Filipovic).

INTER MONARO: Gunning, Monterosso, T Popovic, Gaggetti, Alchin, Carbone, Djordjeski, Dukic, Perinovic, Ambrosino, Giampaolo.

Yugal at long odds

Warringah Freshwater subdued Yugal 2-1 at Mona Park last Sunday to ease their relegation worries.

It was an evenly fought contest during the opening period with Warringah scoring through Robbie Stuart.

Stuart chipped Kuprianou and the Yugal keeper was badly positioned allowing the ball to roll over the line.

Jimmy Ziras equalised in the 87th minute with a shot which took a wicked deflection.

But Warringah retaliated with Dennis Corrigan striking the winning goal in the last minute.

Yugal now has little or no chance to avoid the drop to second division.

But Warringah did make hard work of victory hitting the woodwork twice with Jimmy Campbell and Alan Dean unable to bury chances.

YUGAL: Kuprianou, Petenon, Massi, Nikiforidis (Watson), Pavlovic, Card, Diviljak, Ziras, Beluzic, Sunjic, McBreen.

WARRINGAH Freshwater: Tingle, Duckling, Pearse, Pearce, Dean, McCabe, Capmbell, McCue, Corrigan, Cimarosti, Stuart.

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Chasers crack valuable point

Ku-ring-gai Chasers are back on the road after a 1-1 draw with Rcokdale Ilinden at Parklands last Sunday.

The locals showed that their long standing run of poor results against Rockdale was going to get some shaking as a long throw by Bennett went via Bass and Jeffery to Derek Ryan who should have done better with his ten metre drive.

Louis Dounis was wide in the 14th as was Darren Wilson a minute later. Then a Dounis header in the 17th from a Zlatko Markovski cross missed.

A Ryan cross rolled along the bar and over in the 22nd minute before Ilinden capitilised on a poor back pass by Chris Cowley.

Mark Koussas pounced to give Ilinden its 1-0 lead.

Nine minutes later Ku-ring-gai was on even terms. Mike Berry took a corner on the right. Craig Bass' glancing header at the near post looked destined for the net but Steve Knight was on the line to clear only for Glen Jeffery to hammer it back into the net for 1-1.

Despite some valiant efforts by Ku-ring-gai in the second half there was no further scoring.

Ryan missed good chances in the 60th and 61st. His first came from a header by Bass but he skied the ball. Soon after he repeated the shot.

A Jeffery through ball found Volloder in the 76th but Warren was quick to come out and block the shot.

Ilinden came close through Dounis in the 56th and Genovese in the 79th but neither could find the way past Lacey who was in superb touch. Michael Boogard managed to push one wide of Lacey only to see Petkovski clear off the line close to the end..

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Petkovski, Moulis, Cowley, Bow (Volloder), Ryan, Berry, Bennett, Jeffery (Bard), Bass.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Warren, Rodas, Knight, Pilovski, Boogard, D Wilson, Genovese, Darlington (Porter), Koussas, Dounis, Markovski.

STEVE BLACKBURN (left) comes to the rescue as a team mate fights for possession in the Avala — Fairy Meadow NSW Second Division battle — Pic: Neil Hummel.

Sharks topple Austral

Michael Lardis lived up to his pre-season tag as the 'find of the season' as he thumped a superbly executed volley past Carter to give Sutherland Shire its hard fought 1-0 victory at Seymour Shaw last Sunday.

Cries of 'we wuz robbed' came from the Newcastle camp after the match following a last minute goal by Wayne Bailey which was disallowed by the referee for an offside called on another Newcastle player.

Sutherland countered claiming that Robert Seller scored a goal which would have given the Westfield Soccer Sharks a 2-0 lead.

Paul Crabtree, such a dominant figure at Austral Park, was subdued by the hard tackling Sutherland men and was less influential in his forward forays. With Crabtree rendered less effective Sutherland's plan worked to perfection.

The Austral forwards were starved of possession and their fast flowing game came to a sticky end.

It was left to Lardis to shoe 'em how as Robert O'Shea's perfectly weighted cross found the youngster inside the penalty area and his volley rocketed into the net causing Sutherland's president, Peter Grey to boast about yet another Sutherland junior who is going to make the grade.

Lardis was eventually replaced by Mark Hargraves but not before he made the contribution which has seen Sutherland climb up the ladder and are now a serious threat for the play-offs.

Craig Burchmore was another Sutherland hero as he made some superb saves to deny those fast Austral forwards.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Seller, Burrows, Terry, J O'Shea, R O'Shea, Meades, Johnstone, Lardis (Hargraves), Caban, Sharpe.

NEWCASTLE: Carter, Bowen, Devon (Bland), Clarke (Baillie), Crabtree, Tredinnick, Achurch, Cummins, Bailey, Holden, Jones.

NSW State League

Melita Eagles	19	12	6	1	35	15	30
Blacktown City	18	13	2	3	41	12	28
Uruguayan Penrith	18	9	5	4	40	24	23
Newcastle	17	9	1	7	32	16	19
Sutherland	17	7	5	5	26	22	19
Inter Monaro	18	5	8	5	38	38	18
Rockdale	18	7	4	7	20	22	18
Canberra	18	5	8	5	23	25	18
Polonia	18	6	5	7	35	31	17
Canterbury	18	6	4	8	28	36	16
Ku-ring-gai	17	2	9	6	16	29	13
W'gong Macedonia	17	4	4	9	16	40	12
W'gah F/Water	17	1	9	7	16	29	11
SSC Yugal	18	0	6	12	15	42	6

U/19's

Melita E.	19	15	3	1	48	15	33
Blacktown	17	15	1	1	55	10	31
Sutherland	17	11	4	2	36	19	26
Newcastle	17	8	4	5	36	28	20
Uruguayan	20	7	5	8	26	36	19
Ku-ring-gai	16	6	6	4	21	17	18
Monaro	18	8	2	8	30	32	18
W'gah F	16	6	3	7	21	28	15
Polonia	17	5	4	8	23	33	14
Ilinden	17	5	3	9	31	29	13
Canterbury	16	4	5	7	33	33	13
W'gong	17	4	3	10	24	40	11
Canberra	17	1	5	11	20	57	7
SSC Yugal	20	2	2	16	16	43	6

Results

Melita Eagles 1 (Brown) Uruguay Penrith 1 (McKie)
Sutherland 1 (Lardis) Newcastle Austral 0
Wollongong Macedonia 1 (Hughes) Inter Monaro 6 (Giampaolo 2, Perinovic 2, Dukic 2)
Ku-ring-gai 1 (Jeffery) Rockdale Ilinden 1 (Koussas)
Canberra City 1 (Sermani) Canterbury 2 (Arambasic 2)
Blacktown City 1 (Maier) Polonia 0
Yugal 1 (Ziras) Warringah Freshwater 2 (Stuart, Corrigan)

Top Scorers

PERINOVIC EDGES IN FRONT

Marko Perinovic scored two goals last Sunday at Kelly Park to edge away from Greg Brown at the top of the goal scoring charts for 1988.

None of the other candidates, appart from young Zlatko Arambasic of Canterbury Marrickville Olympic had made progress leaving the title chase to the front strikers of Melita and Inter Monaro to battle it out.

18. Perinovic (Inter Monaro)
16. G.Brown (Melita Eagles),
10. Drys (Polonia)
9. Arambasic (Canterbury), Janduda (Polonia), Holden(Newcastle), Genc (Uruguay Penrith)
8. Janic (Polonia), Caban (Sutherland), B.Porter(NA), Thornthwaite, Maier (BC), Cole (CC).
7. McBreen (Y).
6. Bradley (UP), Beluzic (Y), Dounis (RI)
5. Jeffery (K), Naumov(BC), Hristovski (WM), Batten (UP), Giampaolo (IM).
4. Borges (CM), Farnsworth (ME), Sandy (UP), Gagetti (IM), James (P), R.O'Shea,Johnstone(S), Cavanah(BC), McKie(UP), Koussas (RI).
3. Zervas (CM), Kulcsar, C.Junna (CC), Vial Callanan (ME), Meades (S), Gonzales, Filipovic (UP), Cimarosti, Dean, Stuart (WF), Giraldi (WM), Van Blerk (BC), Ryan(K), Genovese, Koussas (RI), Dukic (IM)

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Makeshift Canberra

GRAHAM COOKE

AFTER a week in which it was never certain it would take the field, the New South Wales League's Crisis Club, Canberra City, went down 2-1 to Canterbury at Hawker Oval on Saturday.

Fielding a makeshift side which included verteran striker Ian Murray and schoolboy Con Alexandrakis, City did enough to get a draw and deserved the cheer it got from the small crowd at the end - but five bad minutes were enough for the points to go elsewhere.

It was City in the opening minutes, Lino Fiorese getting into the action early with a shot wide of the post.

Canberbury's Mark Callanan was almost panicked into an own goal when he put the ball back past his keeper and over the bar, then John Radman moved smartly to head out of reach of the incoming Murray.

City should have taken the lead ten minutes before halftime when Alexandrakis' corner was missed first by Gary Cole and then George Kulscar who seemed to stumble at the last moment.

And City was certainly unlucky 15 minutes into the second half when Cole put the ball into the net only for referee Paul Murphy to rule a foul on goalkeeper Angelo Angelis.

From most other areas of the ground it appeared Angelis had simply dropped the original cross from Kulscar.

Well against the flow of play Canterbury scored.

Steve Bryant made his one mistake in an otherwise superb game when he gave what should have been a backpass to Zlatko Aranbasic and the dangerous Canterbury striker rounded goalkeeper Anthony Giannasca to put the ball away.

Within five minutes the City defence did not move fast enough to cover Aranbasic who scored his second with a well placed shot into the net.

It could easily have been the beginning of a Canterbury goalrush. Instead City battled back.

Colin Junna took on and beat a defender, and passed to Tom Sermanni running from the midfield, for the player coach to score his first goal of the season.

CANBERRA: Giannasca, Murray (Grassick 62), Florese, Bryant, Young, Tanzey (Langone 85), Kulscar, Sermanni, Junna, Cole, Alexandrakis.

CANTERBURY: Angelis, Callanan, Radman, Hantzis, Gardikiots, Perdomo (Adamou 59), Borges, Mickovski, Aranbasic, Melissourgos, Licata (George 46).

Referee: D. Murphy. Crowd: 204

The late, late show

It was time added on that caused matches to be won and lost as the season entered a very delicate stage in the NSW State League.

John McKie sank Melita's hopes of keeping Blacktown City at an arms length by scoring in injury time for Uruguay at Melita Stadium.

Blacktown City scored a controversial last minute goal against Polonia that had the crowd buzzing.

Ralph Maier's fierce drive hit the underside of the crossbar and landed behind the goal line, according to a well positioned linesman.

"Rubbish" yelled Polonia's supporters as they besieged the linesman on the far side.

Alas, a last minute goal at Melita Stadium and likewise at the Gabbie saw the Demons cut the arrears to two points with one game in hand.

Yugal, fighting to stave off relegation, was another to fall to a last minute goal by Warringah Freshwater and Dennis Corrigan was the man who executed the kick.

Marko Perinovic changed little at Kelly Park by scoring almost on the stroke of fulltime but helped himself to a goal which lifted his tally to 19 for the season and two goals away from his nearest challenger Greg Brown who was also amongst the scorers in this round.

Newcastle Austral appeared to have scored a legitimate goal in the last minute at Seymour Shaw Park but an offside saw Sutherland triumph thanks to a superb goal by Michael Lardis.

Ku-ring-gai and Rockdale Ilinden battled to take one point apiece with Ilinden happy to keep its record intact - they are yet to be beaten by the side from the Northern Suburbs.

Two goals by Zlatko Arambasic, the new young Socceroo sensation, saw Canberra crumble at Hawker last Saturday and the rumours are ripe yet again about some troubles at the ACT side.

We regret that errors have crept into some NSW tables. The NSW Soccer Federation office is carrying out a complete recheck, and adjustements will be made as soon as possible.

McKie evens the score

John McKie, an ex-Melita Eagles player, returned to Melita Stadium to score an equaliser in the dying seconds as Penrith Uruguay stole one point from the leaders in a 1-1 draw last Sunday.

It was a shock for the Eagles who appeared to be cruising to a narrow but deserved victory.

Uruguay had the first opening at the 14 minute mark after John Bradley broke through to send a perfectly weighted cross for Adam Sandy who headed straight at McPherson.

An Andrew Callanan through ball saw Greg Brown inside the area, but his shot was parried by the keeper to the feet of Farrugia. Melita's captain fired from close range, alas Scott O'Donnell was on the spot to block the shot.

Brown made amends in the 20th as he latched on to a Farrugia pass to push the ball under Barry Hoare to give Melita the lead.

Uruguay came back through Paul Benitez and Sandy a few minutes later but McPherson was on the spot to palm a dangerous cross out of the penalty area.

McKie had an opening after some good work by David Batten but put his shot over the bar from close range.

Benitez shot wide then Batten intercepted Williams' pass to race forward soon after but to no avail as the Melita defence scrambled the ball to safety.

Brown could have scored again in the 55th after receiving a superb through ball from Farrugia but went wide then shot past the post. Minutes later Hoare was at the feet of Brown to save his net.

However Hoare was beaten in the 74th minute by Gimenez only to see a defender clear the ball off the line.

As Uruguay came forward in search of that equaliser Brown saw his shot blocked by the keeper once again to deny the quick counter attacking Melita forward.

Melita players hung their heads in disbelief as McKie scored the equaliser in the dying stages while Uruguay Penrith players complained bitterly about the decision of the referee not to point to the penalty spot after a foul on Bradley.

McKie was most vocal in his protest and was given a caution for his trouble.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Rodriguez(Cabassi), Meerbani, Williams, Robertson, Callanan, Vial, Farrugia, Farnsworth (Cerro), Gimenez, Brown.

URUGUAY PENRITH: Hoare, Foladosa, O'Donnell, Martin Bourke (Smith 74), Gonzales, Mathew Bourke, Batten (Genc 62), Sandy, Benitez, McKie.

ACT

★ CCAE has won its appeal against a decision not to allow it to play on the college campus because its ovals were not enclosed. Appearing before a Federation protests and disputes tribunal, CCAE representatives successfully argued that they had been given permission to play at home by the annual general meeting whose decision could not be overturned. It is now likely the College will continue with ground improvements aimed at making the CCAE No 1 oval more secure.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION			
Blacktown v Polonia	1-0		1-0
SSC Yugal v Warringah	1-2		1-2
Ku-ring-gai v Rockdale	1-1		1-1
Wollongong v Inter Monaro	1-6		2-3
Sutherland v Newcastle	1-0		1-0
Melita Eagles v Penrith	1-1		2-0
Canberra v Canterbury	1-2		0-6
STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION			
Avala v Granville Chile	6-0	2-1	2-1
Gladesville v Bathurst '75	1-1	3-0	0-0
Blacktown Utd v Fairy Meadow	0-4	2-1	4-1
Uni of NSW v Campbelltown City	4-1	1-2	1-4
Sydney Macedonia v Kingsford	2-2	4-0	2-3
Maroubra Q/park v Manly Warringah	1-1	3-2	PP
North Sydney v Bankstown	1-4	0-4	1-4
STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION			
Southern Dist v Dulwich Hill	1-2		0-2
Moorebank v Port Hacking	2-0		1-0
Cant & Dist v Orange Waratah	1-2		1-1
Mt Druitt v King Tomislav	3-0		3-0
Baulkham Hills v Rooty Hill W'utd	1-0		0-1
Bondi Marine v Concordia	0-1		3-4
INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION			
Hawkesbury v Rosebury	1-0		0-5
Nineveh Eagles v Pagewood	0-0		3-2
Spanish Club v Sydney Uni	2-2		0-4
Chelsea v Padstow Park	1-2		4-0
North Ryde RSL v Eastwood	1-2		1-2
INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION			
Macquarie Uni v Liverpool City	5-1		5-0
CSI Schofield v Blacktown Wands	2-4		0-1
Chile Sports v Concord Juniors	1-2		0-2
Haberfield v Cyprus United	1-2		0-7
Haberfield v Liverpool	1-2		0-5
Wenty Waratah v Trasandinos	0-2		0-6
Greenisland v Fairfield Kiev	4-0		4-0
INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION			
Alexander v Murray Farm	3-4		0-2
Abruzzi v Petersham	1-2		4-0
Lithgow Workmen v Castle Hill	0-0		1-2
Hellas v Arncliffe	0-1		0-4
SSC Zagreb v Mt Pritchard	6-0		0-0
Lithgow v SSC Zagreb	0-1		1-1
Prospect Utd v Colo Colo	0-1		0-4
INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION			
SPQ Noantri v Ashour Star	1-0		0-2
Belmore Hercules v Korean	4-0		1-0
Assyrian v Sydney Lebanon	0-1		1-1
Liverpool Oly. v Cobreloa	0-0		1-4
Lud enham Croat. v GNS United	0-2		PP

Canberra Crisis

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE deadline for a decision on whether Canberra City lives or dies is 5pm tomorrow (Thursday).

The latest moves came when a general meeting of Downer Olympic members voted narrowly to reject Croatia's offer.

That had been $50,000 but with the provisio that part of it be used to meet outstanding commitments to players and to the New South Wales Soccer Federation.

Downer insisted that it should have complete control over who got what.

At subsequent meetings Croatia withdrew its original offer and replaced it with a lower figure. This was also rejected.

However, Croatia president Frank Crnkovic denied his clubs actions had led to the breakdown of the deal.

"First of all we negotiated a deal with a representative of Canberra City which was subsequently rejected at a Downer meeting," he said.

"After free transfers to three players were granted without our knowledge.

"Then while we had been told we would be

At this point the A.C.T Soccer Federation has ruled that a group must come forward to run the club for the rest of the season.

If this does not happen the New South Wales Soccer Federation, acting on the A.C.T's advice, will almost certainly take the decision to fold the crisis striken team.

Hope lies in continuing negotiations this week between City's major shareholder, the Downer Olympic Club, Canberra City Olympians, the entity directly responsible for City and Croatia Deakin which would like to buy it.

A.C.T Soccer Federation vice-president Jo Alberto took charge of negotiations last week after the original talks broke down.

With the transfer deadline now passed and some City's players already granted clearances, City will need special dispensation for an injection of new players even if it does carry on.

buying 18 contracted players, we later found that many of these players would be free agents at the end of the season. Because of this with withdrew our original offer and substituted one for $25,000."

City's possible mid-season withdrawal would leave a question mark over the entry of any future team from the A.C.T., New South Wales Soccer Federation secretary Ian Holmes said.

"The other clubs in the league are most unhappy at the situation in Canberra," he said.

"Already this season we have received complaints of matches being held on substandard pitches - and these latest developments have reduced the situation to a farce.

"Earlier this season we sort assurances from the A.C.T Federation over the financial liability of Canberra City and received them in writing.

"These assurances do not appear to be well founded."

Alberto said the letter to the New South Wales Federation had been sent at the beginning of the season, "because we had an assurance that money would be available from business in the territory and because those people associated with the club are financially strong and respected business people."

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This Week's Matches

SUNDAY JULY 10 FIRST DIVISION			
Canterbury	v	Blacktown City	Arlington Oval
Polonia	v	SSC Yugal	Chopin Park
Warringah	v	Ku-ring-gai	Grahams Reserve
Rockdale	v	Inter Monaro	Hurstville Oval
Uruguay Penrith	v	Sutherland Shire	Cook Park
Melita Eagles	v	Wollongong Mac.	Melita Stadium
SECOND DIVISION			
Granville Chile	v	Bathurst '75	Garside Park
Gladesville	v	Blacktown Utd	Magdala Oval
Manly Warringah	v	Sydney Macedonia	Cromer Park
Bankstown	v	Maroubra Qns Pk	Potts Park
THIRD DIVISION			
King Tomislav	v	Southern Districts	Croatian SG
Dulwich Hill	v	Bondi Marine	Camperdown Ov
Rooty Hill W'utd	v	Mt Druitt	Cawarra Park
Orange Waratah	v	Baulkham Hills	Waratah SG
Moorebank	v	Canterbury	Hammondville Pk

Kick off times: FIRST DIVISION first grade 3pm, Under 19 1pm. SECOND DIVISION first grade 3pm, 2nd grade 1.10pm, 3rd grade 11.30am.

See a top State League match this week!

Takis sees daylight

OAKLEIGH coach Tasis Suingos was very satisfied with his team's defeat of Polonia.

The 1-0 result was achieved because has Svingos put it, "I told the boys that we can only improve from the position we've in (last), so we are going to play an attacking brand of Soccer, and hopefully everything will work out."

Injuries have depleted the Oakleigh team, although the inclusion of Danny Ward was a big boost.

Ward, who had been sidelined for a long period played a great game for his side.

But ironically, it was youngster Peter Zagoudis, who blasted Oakleigh into the lead with a fierce shot after 20 minutes.

This seemed to stir Polonia into action and they began to really pile on the pressure.

They were frustrated by bad luck and poor finishing as chances went begging.

The last ten minutes saw Oakleigh finish off strongly and they showed that they are much better than their lowly position on the ladder.

OAKLEIGH: Kardamitis, Kapardinas, Nicolaids, Henderson, Kruzmacher, Wad (Gosiz 80'), Livingstone, Ross, Halford, Murphy, Zagoudis (Hiadiris).

POLONIA: Kostrzewa, Lipiarski, Innes, Stojcevski, Chetout, Czapnik, Watson, de Bond, Bonk, Lakic, Warszawski (Smolarek) (Baran).

Giant killers!

GIANT-killers Western Suburbs continued to defy the odds when they downed high-flying Northcote 1-0.

Former Sydney State League coach Kaz Kulak who took over the job at Suburbs last week, has now seen his side win their last two games impressively.

He could only have been heartened by his team's new found endeavour and spirit which seemed to take Northcote by surprise.

The home side was in control for much of the first half and deserved to go ahead in the 28th minute through Manuel Kopsafitis.

Northcote 'keeper Mark Turudia failed to hold a shot from Darren Tuck and Kopsafitis was on hand for the easy put away.

The visitors rallied and pressured Suburbs with some determined running especially from their midfielders.

But the Wests defence, which has conceded the most goals in the competition thus far stood firm.

Northcote were desperately unlucky when John Constantinou hit the upright with a header in the second half, but overall it was Wests who appeared the more determined and who earned the two points in this Greek derby.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris, Koundouris, Hamill, Pander, Esposito, Williams, Kopsafitis, Dimouski, Tuck, Metaxas, Daley.

NORTHCOTE: Turudia, Leonardos, N. Constantinou, Palmariccciotti, Kouremenos, Woodall, Thodis, Ramos, Gilder, Manou, J. Constantimou (Gangas) (Giannopoulos) (P. Constantindou 70).

Falcons flying back

AFTER last week's indifferent display against bottom side Western Suburbs, Morwell Falcons bounced back with an impressive 2-0 win against Bulleen.

In fact Morwell could have been two goals up after just four minutes.

Striker John Sokoluk missed a clear heading chance and Jan Stirton blasted wide from a good position.

Sokoluk made amends however, and punished Bulleen with a well-taken header in the 24th minute, from a perfect Kenny Drakeford cross.

The visitors were stung into action and desperate tried to get back into the game.

Unfortunately there was no way through the tight Morwell defence.

Only ex-Footscray JUST star Zdravko Lujic was able to trouble the home team whenever he found the space but his good work was not matched by his team-mates.

Tragedy struck again for Bulleen as Sokoluk repeat the dose, heading home a low cross from Jeff Doyle, just six minutes from time.

Bubby McLachlan's team performed admirably and still have a fiar chance of finishing in the top section at the end of the season.

MORWELL: Reynolds, McMillan, ennett, Bingham, Bruns, Doyle, Drakeford, O'Callaghan, Stirton, Sokolyk, Webster, Casar, Gelagotis.

BULLEEN: Contini, Marsan, Curcio, Curulli, Krajacic, Ruccia, Trogiric, Boarotto, angele, Lujic, Buzikas, Avian, D'Amio.

Caulfield up to fourth

Croydon were crushed 3-0 at home by a rejuvenated Caulfield City.

The win enabled Caulfield to climb to fourth spot and helped wipe out last week's humiliating drubbing at the hands of Thomastown.

For coach Miron Bleiberg the result proved beyond conclusion that his team will have to change its style of play if they are to remain a completive outfit this year.

The game panned out as a predictable counter attacking ploy from the visitors who absorbed much pressure especially in the 1st half hour.

Angie Goutzoulis made a darting run, through the Croydon defence before rounding the 'keeper and opening the scoring just before half-time.

Croydon tried hard in the second half but were always vulnerable to quick breaks.

The contest could've still gone either way until the last seven minutes of the game.

Danny Zemunik ran onto a through ball and despatched it past Runje in goals.

Minutes later, Zemunik again showed his class by leaving Croydon's defence, flat-footed before posting his second and his team's third goal.

New Caulfield coach Jim Kondiris, who took over from Rocco Ille last week, could not have wished for a better initiation.

CROYDON: M. Runje, Brown, Langsbury, R. Runje, Macintosh, Dobson, G. Runje, Van Egmond, French, Campbell, Brack.

CAULFIELD: Madjer, Bitsonis, Harris, Fattore, Theoharous, Iilipo, Griffin, Aligiozidis, Goutzoulis, amakiotis, Zemunik, (Deligiannis) (Zolotarev).

Gus MacLeod hits out

SPRINGVALE coach Gus MacLeod had some harsh words to say after his teams gutsy 1-1 draw with Green Gully.

His criticisms were directed at the referee and also at officialdom in general in this state.

"We'll be putting in an official protest this week to the VSF. The officials are killing the game.

"The refereeing standards are getting beyond a joke. I'm not saying we are getting victimized, only that we've been on the receiving end of some very unfair decisions this year."

MacLeod was seething with anger at having his star striker Steve Keenan sent off for what appeared an innocuous tackle.

Keenan, who is always under the close attention of opposition defenders, had put his team ahead after half an hour with a brilliant shot, capping off a good move by Peter Verecchia.

In an aggressive and willing encounter, both sides were guilty of playing the man on several occasions and the game as marred as a spectacle because of the number of fouls.

Ironically Gully's equalizer came shortly after the Keenan send-off in the 60th minute.

Joe O'Donnell pounced on a bad back pass by Paul Rolleman to slot the ball past Springvale 'keeper Mur.

In the end, the home team performed admirably to gain a point playing with ten men against an experienced team like Gully.

SPRINGVALE: Mur, Rolleman, Bryden, Reilly, Whythe, Kral (Richardson), Livingstone, Findalay, Bozic, Verecchia, Butwell.

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Culter, Cannell, McClennan, Grimaud, O'Donnell, Wilson, Farquaurson, Douglas, Quigley, Smart (Christie).

Victorian State League

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Heidelberg	11	3	4	35	18	25
Thomastown	10	3	5	24	17	23
St Albans	8	6	4	24	17	22
Caulfield	8	6	4	29	23	22
Green Gully	7	7	4	25	16	21
Northcote City	8	5	5	27	20	21
Croydon	7	5	6	21	23	19
Morwell	6	6	6	17	16	18
Polonia	6	5	7	28	23	17
Ringwood	7	3	8	26	30	17
Bulleen	6	5	7	16	22	17
Springvale	4	7	7	17	25	15
Box Hill	4	6	8	22	28	14
Western Suburbs	6	1	11	21	32	13
Fawkner	4	4	10	12	23	12
Oakleigh	4	4	10	14	25	12

Results

St Albans 0 Heidelberg 0, Thomastown 1 Fawkner 1, Croydon 0 Caulfield 3, Ringwood 3 Box Hill 2, Springvale 1 Green Gully 1, Oakleigh 1 Polonia 0, Western Suburbs 1 Northcote 0, Morwell 2 Bulleen 0.

GAMES FOR NEXT WEEK (ALL SATURDAY)

Caulfield vs Morwell, Polonia vs St Albans, Box Hill vs Oakleigh, Bulleen v Western Suburbs, Fawkner v Croydon, G. Gully vs Thomastown, Springvale vs Heidelberg, Northcote vs Ringwood.

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St Alban

BY CARLO del PORTO

TOP side Heidelberg struggled all day were lucky to gain a point from their sc less encounter with St Albans.

Indeed St Albans were easily the more impressive outfit when one considers they were without two star performers, Branko Culina and Eddie Kuszman, who are both off on a European tour.

The game was tough and unrelenting from the start and it was Heidelberg who found it hard to get into any sort of rythmn.

This was due mainly to St Alban's tactic of playing a disciplined man-to-man defence.

Usually danger strikers Dennis Mor and John Anastasi were blotted out of game by their marker

The only occasion ball went into the occurred after just minutes but Vlad Kupresak was rule have been in an off- position when his found the goal.

Chances were few far between even if home team domina for long periods.

St Albans coach T Vrzina was a happy

Preston Makedonia shopping around

BY GREG BLAKE

VETERAN goalkeeper Dennis Boland w not be signed by Preston Makedonia as back-up for Phil Traianides.

"At least not at this stage," Makedo spokesmand John Gloufchev told ASW.

But Gloufchev did confirm that his club is "m interested" in gaining the services of two Var Skopje stars, Toni Savevski and Mirko Petrov.

"We've tried hard enough to get either of th here but at this stage I don't think Vardar is tgerested in letting them go," Gloufchev explained.

"We've spoken to both the players in the hope having them as guests but the club doesn't seem keen on the idea."

Midfielder Savavski is classed as one of the b players in Yugoslavia at the moment, and Make nia's only hope of grabbing his services would be a guest basis.

But winger Petrov is 31 years old and, as Glo chev says, "could be a goer for next season."

"Mirko is a big chance if we want him, althou at 31 his age could be against him," he added.

"Much depends on how the coach feels and wh would benefit the team most but certainly at t time we're probably better off playing a youngs like George Slivkas. Our priorities are with young players."

Preston coach Andon Doncevski coached Var for three years prior to coming to Australia.

Meanwhile, press reports linking form Footscray stalwart Boland to Makedonia ha proved premature.

Alhtough Boland did train at Connor Reserv Gloufchev told ASW that the player "had decid he'd rather stay out of NSL soccer."

"We had in mind for him to help out in a numb of areas but he feels he hasn't the time to devote Soccer especially as he lives so far away from t club.

"We do need an extra keeper and we'll be loo ing around but with just six weeks to go until the e of the season we may wait until next year."

Gloufchev also scotched any rumours linking club with a bid to lure Sunshine George Cross st John Markovski away from Chaplin Reserve.

"I reckon about 14 other clubs as well as would want Markovski," he said.

"I'd be a fool to say we didn't want him but le wait until the end of the season."

urns corner

after the game and can be confident that his team have come out of their mid-season slump.

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Dragovic, Jurge, Gagula, Kolina, Macan, Rastock, Kupresak, Duzel, Kelic, Popovski.

HEIDELBERG: Chatzitrifonas, Patiniotis, Kanesoulis, Lucchesi, Iliopoulos, O'Dell, Burdignon, Stubbings, Anastasiadis, Morov, Raines.

Claude Lucchesi.

John Anastasiadis

COLD WAR!

RUSSIAN midfielder Eddie Zolotarev has defected to Caulfield, according to Sunshine George Cross boss John Gardiner.

Gardiner likes the style of the Soviet who emigrated two years ago and is keen to add some vital depth to his squad as it goes into the last legs of the season.

Though Zoloturev agreed to terms with George Cross, Gardiner is now mystified at how Caulfield managed to smuggle him south of the river.

By making the move the Muscovite passed up the chance to play national league and debuted for the Blues a week ago when they lost at home to Thomastown.

"I'm disappointed in the lad," Gardiner said. "We were prepared to give him a chance to play the game at the highest level in this country and then he just disappeared."

While the incident is unlikely to spark a cold war between the two clubs, Caulfield will be hoping he shows such skills at giving opposition defenders the slip as they fight for a place in the State League top four.

— JOHN MANGAN

Joy for Petersen

IN a game of fluctuating fortunes, Ringwood outlasted Box Hill 3-2 in a gritty display.

It was a priceless victory for Han's Petersen's men because it keeps them in contact with the top half of the table.

They had to do it the hard way however coming back from behind twice before snatching a late winner through Cocker.

Earlier on Julian Thomas had put the visitors into the lead after just ten minutes, with a pin-point header from a George Campbell header.

The equalizer came just before half-time through Kennedy's spectacular chip from 25 metres which left Box Hill 'keeper McKinlay stranded off his line.

Again Ringwood went behind, and again it was Thomas who skilfully waved his way past two defenders before slotting the ball into the net

The home team showed their resilience and dominated the last twenty minutes.

They drew level with a perfectly executed free kick by Nijholt in the 72nd minute, before Cocker's headed winner ten minutes from time.

For Petersen, the result means two things: "On the one hand the two points gives us a two points break on the bottom five teams.

"But also, more importantly, our future is in our hands now. If we are good enough we will stay in the State League come 1989."

RINGWOOD: Janssan, Verniers, Meyer, May, Wemyss, Kennedy, Stewart, Cummings, Nolan, Nijholt, Cocker.

BOX HILL: McKinlay, Macarthur, Martincurri, Roodhouse, Artes, Hanley, McBridge, Burton, Brimmer, Thomas, Campbell (Mozzina).

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Petersen in doubt

ELEGANT Socceroo midfielder Mike Petersen is in doubt for the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

Petersen's recurring groin problem forced him from the field after just half an hour of last Sunday's game at Middle Park between Brunswick Juventus and South Melbourne.

The Juventus star saw a specialist on Monday but club coach Manfred Schaefer admitted that there was a question mark on Peterson's fitness for the Socceroo's first Gold Cup match against Brazil in Melbourne tomorrow (Thursday).

"The trouble flared very early in the game and Mike couldn't run so we had to bring him off", Schaefer told ASW.

"He got through last week's training camps alright and he seemed fit for the game against South Melbourne.

— GREG BLAKE

From the front page . . .

When he reaches the magical 100, he will have equalled the record of the great Jim Rooney.

And the only one ahead of that is Peter Wilson on 114, the man who led Rale Rasic's Socceroos through the campaign that ended at the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

Questioned on reaching the 100 mark, Kosmina said: "I'll be delighted to chalk up the 100, but really it is not up to me.

"But if (coach) Frank Arok selects me, I'll be there to give it all I've got."

And the Sydney Olympic star is not short of valour, whether he is wearing the Australian or his club colours.

He has never been afraid to show what he feels.

Maybe there aren't many fans who love 'Kossie'.

There are those who go so far as to hate him.

But there are few who do not respect Kosmina and his exploits.

He's no longer a spring chicken, but he has all his speed and resiliance.

At the end of the 1985 World Cup campaign, it seemed that his international career was over.

"I slipped a bit in 1987 and put on extra weight. But then I could see that there was an international future, and I'm enjoying it as much as I ever did," he said.

Eddie Thomson, assistant national coach saved as Olympic's No 1, said: "What can you say about the man. He's still doing it all at top level."

The leaders in Socceroo appearances in the past have been Wilson 114, Rooney 100, Atti Abonyi 88, Manfred Schaefer 73, John Warren 62, Adrian Alston 61, Ray Richards 60, Ray Baartz 59 and Dough Utjesenovic 59.

With the Bicentennial Gold Cup beginning on Thursday for Australia at Olympic Park and the Olympic Games finals to follow, Kosmina could chalk up many more international appearances.

He is only five behind Peter Wilson's 63 A internationals record.

And cheering him on will be wife Judy, son Nathan (5) and maybe young Justin at just 20 months.

St Albans turns corner

BY CARLO del PORTO

TOP side Heidelberg struggled all day and were lucky to gain a point from their scoreless encounter with St Albans.

Indeed St Albans were easily the more impressive outfit when one considers they were without two star performers, Branko Culina and Eddie Kuszman, who are both off on a European tour.

The game was tough and unrelenting from the start and it was Heidelberg who found it hard to get into any sort of rythmn.

This was due mainly to St Alban's tactic of playing a disciplined man-to-man defence.

Usually dangerous strikers Dennis Morovic and John Anastasiadis were blotted out of the game by their markers.

The only occasion the ball went into the net occurred after just five minutes but Vladmir Kupresak was ruled to have been in an off-side position when his shot found the goal.

Chances were few and far between even if the home team dominated for long periods.

St Albans coach Tony Vrzina was a happy man after the game and can be confident that his team have come out of their mid-season slump.

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Dragovic, Jurge, Gagula, Kolina, Macan, Rastock, Kupresak, Duzel, Kelic, Popovski.

HEIDELBERG: Chatzitrifonas, Patiniotis, Kanesoulis, Lucchesi, Iliopoulos, O'Dell, Burdignon, Stubbings, Anastasiadis, Morov, Raines.

MATCH LIST

THE POOLS

WEEK 153

COMPETITION DATE: 3-7-88

THIS WEEKS WINNING MATCH NUMBERS

18	24	29	35
36	38	SUPP.	30

VICTORIA with CARLO del PORTO

Thomastown's disputed goal

THE all-italian derby between old rivals Thomastown and Fawkner ended in a controversial 1-1 draw.

Thomastown did more than enough to deserve the point, but their goal should not have been allowed.

Doug Brown had shot the visitors into an early lead after just three minutes when a Dean Hennessey free kick was cleverly hit into his path by fellow striker Ian Tuffield.

Fawkner really looked like a different outfit to the one which has performed so poorly this year.

They were full of purpose and spirit and completely shut out Thomastown's danger men, Lewis Athersych and Carfora.

The home team should've equalized just before half-time when Athersych was adjudged to have been fouled by Fawkner keeper Richard Wilson and a penalty was awarded.

But Wilson parried Dougherty's attempt and kept his side in front at half-time.

It was end-to-end stuff after half-time chances were missed on both sides.

Brown, himself, could have had a hat-trick but too often his finishing was poor.

And then did well to have a dangerous cross from John Mihailidis right on the goal-line.

As he got to his feet, it appeared to everyone present that Athersych used his hand to dislodge the ball from the 'keeper's hands, before netting the easy put away.

To everyone's dismay referee Matevski ignored the foul and allowed the goal to stand.

The result was vital for the red and blacks as it keeps them only two points adrift of leaders Heidelberg, but it will be Fawkner who, in the end, can count themselves unlucky.

THOMASTOWN: Janakiewski, Mihalidis, McMillan, Pianalto Higgins, Cristaldo (67 di Martino), Carfora, Dougherty, Athersych, Lewis (79' Ragusa), Rogers.

FAWKNER: Wilson, Walsh, Campbell, Hennessey, Schipano, Storm, Chiavelli (85' Cullen), Fraser, Tuffield, Brown, Traikovski (Barba) (Stenson) (Sabatino).

Vlado seeks opening

BY GREG BLAKE

FOOTSCRAY JUST star Vlado Bozinovski has had an agonising wait in the period leading up to the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

The dynamic midfielder earned his Socceroo squad call-up with some match-winning displays in the club scene, and the world looked rosy when he celebrated selection with a two-goal strike at Wollongong City Wolves earlier this month.

But in a fit of temper Bozinovski has threatened his Socceroo place after a second-minute sending off against Preston Makedonia at Schintler Reserve one week later.

And now his concern is that the subsequent three week suspension will jeopardise his chances of wearing the green and gold.

"I've been sick about it (the send-off) ever since," he told ASW this week.

"I mean I'm not the only national team player to have been sent off and I'm just hoping things have calmed down by now.

"Nothing has been said at training with Eddie Thomson so I'm just hoping it won't affect my chances of selection.

"I'll tell you one thing, it won't happen again.

"I've learned a very valuable lesson and I believe it will only help me learn more self control."

Bozinovski concedes that international football will bring with it more than its fair share of pressures and he intends to prove he won't crack under the strain — if he gets the chance to strut his stuff.

He's taken — and given — more than his fair share of the physical stuff this season, his best in the NSL.

"I was really surprised to get selected in the Socceroo squad, nobody had even suggested I was a chance until it happened," he explained.

"So there is no way I'm not going to make the most of any opportunity I get.

"It's a dream come true, no doubt about it."

Bozinovski, himself a most gifted young player, is keen to get the chance to play alongside his club mate and established national team star Oscar Crino.

"We've been together for two years now and I believe we compliment each other," Bozinovski says of Crino.

Bozinovski's form has been a revelation this season — from just an average player Bozinoski has become quite a match-winner in his own right.

He no longer gets easily bustled off the ball, he gets forward more often and his work-rate has improved markedly.

NSW

2ND DIVISION
1ST GRADE

Avala	13	5	0	65	9	31
Fairy Meadow	14	2	2	46	18	30
Maroubra Q/F	10	4	4	39	27	24
Syd. Macedonia	11	2	4	42	30	24
Kingsford Hell	9	3	5	41	28	21
Granville Chile	8	4	5	36	31	20
Gladesville Hby	7	4	7	30	26	18
Blacktown Utd	6	2	10	40	42	14
Bankstown	5	4	8	27	36	14
Campbelltown	5	4	8	20	36	14
Uni of NSW	5	3	10	29	44	13
Bathurst '75	3	6	9	17	42	12
Manly W'gah	2	4	12	14	46	8
Nth Syd Artarm	1	1	15	13	44	3

2ND GRADE

Gladesville Hby	15	0	3	46	20	30
Granville Chile	11	5	1	31	15	27
Avala	10	4	3	48	21	24
Bankstown	10	1	6	41	18	21
Syd Macedonia	8	5	4	26	22	21
Campbelltown	7	4	6	34	26	18
Kingsford Hell	8	2	7	27	33	18
Nth Syd Artarm	5	4	8	25	31	14
Uni of NSW	4	6	8	24	34	14
Blacktown Utd	5	4	8	22	35	14
Maroubra Q/P	5	3	10	31	35	13
Fairy Meadow	5	2	11	25	47	12
Bathurst '75	2	7	9	15	37	11
Manly W'gah	2	3	13	13	34	7

3RD GRADE

Maroubra Q/P	16	1	1	51	15	33
Campbelltown	11	2	4	45	16	24
Bankstown	10	4	3	40	17	24
Kingsford Hell	9	4	2	38	15	22
Granville Chile	10	2	5	40	18	22
Bathurst '75	9	3	6	30	23	21
Avala	9	2	5	36	19	20
Fairy Meadow	7	3	8	36	35	17
Gladesville Hby	5	5	8	21	32	15
Blacktown Utd	5	5	7	28	39	15
Syd Macedonia	5	2	10	23	29	12
Uni of NSW	4	2	12	20	37	10
Manly W'gah	1	1	15	6	68	3
Nth Syd Artarm	0	0	16	7	58	2

3RD DIVISION
1ST GRADE

Dulwich Hill	10	1	2	34	15	21
Moorebank L/P	5	6	1	15	9	16
Mt Druitt Town	6	3	4	19	14	15
Concordia	6	3	4	23	19	15
Baulkham Hills	5	5	3	15	12	15
Rooty Hill W/U	5	4	4	22	26	14
Orange Waratah	5	3	6	27	25	13
Sthn Districts	5	2	6	21	22	12
Port Hacking	5	5	5	22	24	11
Bondi Marine	2	6	5	22	26	10
King Tomislav	2	1	8	9	22	5
Canterbury Dist	1	3	7	14	29	5

GRADE 2

Rooty Hill W/U	13	0	0	37	10	26
Baulkham Hills	9	2	2	34	9	20
Sth Districts	6	3	4	31	20	15
Mt Druitt Town	6	3	5	28	25	15
Moorebank L/P	6	1	5	18	17	13
Bondi Marine	5	1	7	31	35	11
Concordia	4	3	6	19	27	11
Canterbury Dist	3	4	5	16	21	10
Port Hacking	4	2	7	19	32	10
Orange Waratah	3	3	8	20	29	9
Dulwich Hill	4	0	9	19	30	8
King Tomislav	1	4	6	11	28	6

VICTORIA

NAT YL SOUTH

Clarinda 1 Heidelberg Utd 2
Preston 1 Wav/Mulg Utd 0
Caulfield City 5 Oakleigh 0
Melb Croatia 3 Nunawading City 2
Sth Melbourne 1 BU Juventus 1
Wav/Mulg Utd 0 Footscray 5
Clifton Hill bye

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sth Melbourne	14	5	1	48	19	33
BU Juventus	12	4	1	60	13	28
Sunshine GX	11	2	4	64	20	24
Melb Croatia	10	4	7	52	40	24
Preston	11	1	9	53	47	23
Caulfield City	9	4	7	36	34	22
Clifton Hill	8	5	7	52	59	21
Oakleigh	8	4	8	40	54	20
Footscray	7	3	10	35	35	17
Nunawading City	6	3	11	34	51	15
Clarinda	6	1	12	37	56	13
Heidelberg Utd	3	5	12	23	58	11
Wav/Mulg Utd	1	1	18	22	74	3

STATE RESERVES

Croydon City 0 Caulfield City 0
Morwell Falcons 1 Bulleen 0
Ringwood City 1 Box Hill 2
Oakleigh 3 Maribyrnong 5
St Albans 2 Heidelberg Utd 1
Springvale City 1 Green Gully 3
Thomastown 4 Fawkner 3
Western Suburbs 0 Northcote City 2

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northcote City	13	5	0	47	14	31
Fawkner	11	2	5	46	25	24
Morwell Falcons	10	4	4	37	19	24
Heidelberg Utd	9	3	6	43	33	21
St Albans	8	5	5	32	31	21
Caulfield City	8	4	5	37	24	20
Bulleen	7	6	5	42	31	20
Box Hill	8	4	6	39	29	20
Ringwood City	7	6	5	37	26	20
Croydon City	7	4	6	31	19	18
Green Gully	7	2	9	34	36	16
Thomastown	5	5	7	33	45	15
Maribyrnong	6	1	11	34	51	13
Western Suburbs	5	3	10	19	47	13
Springvale City	2	2	14	17	44	6
Oakleigh	1	0	16	22	66	2

VIC 1

FIRST

Dandenong 0 Knox City 2
Sunbury United 0 Albion 2
Mordialloc 0 Altona Gate 0
Werribee 0 Broadmeadows 1
Richmond 1 Essendon City 1
Mooroolbark 0 Frankston Pines 2
Westgate 4 Nunawading City 0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Altona Gate	10	4	0	30	4	24
Frankston Pines	9	3	2	27	15	21
Albion	7	3	4	17	11	17
Westgate	7	2	5	20	15	16
Mooroolbark	7	1	6	26	20	15
Werribee	4	6	4	19	17	14
Broadmeadows	4	6	4	12	12	14
Knox City	7	0	7	17	19	14
Nunawading City	6	1	7	17	23	13
Mordialloc	4	5	5	15	22	13
Richmond	5	2	7	17	27	12
Essendon City	3	5	6	14	19	11
Dandenong	2	4	8	6	15	8
Sunbury United	1	2	11	8	26	4

RESERVES

Dandenong 1 Knox City 2
Sunbury United 2 Albion 2
Mordialloc 1 Altona Gate 5
Werribee 2 Broadmeadows 4
Richmond 1 Essendon City 3
Mooroolbark 1 Frankston Pines 1
Westgate 2 Nunawading City 0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Altona Gate	9	3	2	41	19	21
Mooroolbark	9	3	2	29	16	21
Dandenong	7	6	1	28	11	20
Essendon City	7	4	3	33	21	18
Albion	6	4	4	20	17	16
Broadmeadows	6	3	5	34	21	15
Werribee	5	4	5	28	29	14
Knox City	5	2	7	18	25	12
Frankston Pines	3	5	6	22	24	11
Westgate	3	5	6	22	29	11
Nunawading City	4	2	8	10	30	10
Richmond	3	3	8	22	34	9
Mordialloc	4	1	9	26	41	9
Sunbury United	3	3	8	12	28	9

NSW SCHOOLS

NSW CHS TEAM for Aust Schools C'ship in Darwin Aug 13-20: F Mikuletic (Canterbury Boys) S Houthton (Sir Josephs Banks) D McWhirter (Port Macquarie) T Basic (Granville Boys) R Stanton (Holroyd) K Agiasotif (Holsworthy) B Caisley (Henry Kendall) B Maloney (Doonside) P Rago (Condell Park) M Bingley (Parramatta) D Seal (Penrith) C McGregor (Booragul) G Bard (Punchbowl Boys) M Mlanic (Fairvale) S Wells (Jesmond) M Schwarzer (Colo). **Coach**: C James (St Geroge ILC). **Manager**: R Pratt (Riverstone).

NSW ALL SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT: NSW Combined High Schools (2) 1 b NSW Combined High Schools (1) 0. Combined Catholic Colleges 3 b Combined Independent Schools 1. Combined High Schols (1) 2 drew with Combined Catholic Colleges 2. Combined High Schools (2) 4 b Combined IndependentSchools 0. Combined High Schools (1) 11 b Combined Independent Schools 0. Combined High Schools (2) 2 b Combined Catholic Colleges 1. **Placings**: Combined High Schools (2) 1. Combined Highs Schools (2) 2. Combined Catholic Colleges 3. Combined Independent Schools 4.

NSW ALL SCHOOLS TEAM to tour New Zealand from Sept 24-Oct 9: T Ide (CHS) T Marco (CHS) S Hewton (CHF) S Wells (CHS) J Cosentino (CCC) D McWhirter (CHS) K Agiasotis (CHS) A Aruja (CCC) B Caisley (CHS) P Rago (CHS) M Bingley (CHS) D Seal (CHS) G Bard (CHS) P Moss (CIS) J Connolly (CCC) V Scarella (CCC) C Mora (CHS) B Maloney (CHS). **Coach: G Thomas (CHS) Assist Coach-Manager**: R Pratt ((CHS). **Tour Leader**: C Byrne (CHS).

TURNER CUP: Rd 3 Oakhill College 3 b Castle Hill HS 1. Davidson HS 1 b Killarney Hts HS 1 on pens. Rooty Hill HS 1 b Patrician Bros Blacktown 1 on pens. Canley Vale HS 2 b East Hills BHS 1. **Rd 4** Patrician Bros Fairfield 6 b Christian Bros Burwood 2. Hurstville BHS 7 b Ashfield BHS 0

COMMONWEALTH BANK TURNER CUP: Rd 3: Ballina 3 b Casino 0, Kadina 5 b Kingscliffe 2, St Clair Taree 1-6 b Chatham 1-5, Eastport 4 b Westport 1, John Paul College 2 b Kempsey 1, Orara 7 b Coffs Harbour 2, Peel 3 b Narrabri 0, Duval 2 b MacIntrye 1, St Peters Maitland 5 b Newcastle Grammar 0, Booragul 8 b Rutherford 0, Whitebridge 3 b Wallsend 2, Glendale 1 b Cessnock 0, West Wallsend 3 b Newcastle 2, Toronto 0-2 b Kurri Kurri 0-1, Merewether 3 b Evertt 2, Cardiff 5 b Singleton 3, Umina 2 b Henry Kendle 1, Gorokon 1-2 b Erina 1-0, Smith Hill 3 b Warrawong 2, Ulludulla 2 b Edmond Rice 0, Holy Spirit 3 b Port Kembla 1, Daramalan 6 b Kaleen 0, Holder 1 b Canberra 0, Albury North 4 b Wodonga 0, Wagga 5 b Junee 0, Griffith 8 b Wade 1, Deniliquin 5 b Hilliston 0, Bathurst 0 b Orange 0, Forbes 1 b Red Bend 0, James Sheahan 2 b Lithgow 1, St Johns Dubbo 4 b Tottenham 1. **Rd 4**: Rooty Hill 6 b Richmond 1, St Dominiques 2 b Mount Druitt 1, Belmore Boys 5 b Canley Vale 0, Freeman 2 b Liverpool Boys 1.

HERO is HERE!

'HERO', the spectacular official film of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, will very shortly be released in all video shops right across Australia.

This film cassette is a definite must for all Soccer fans, and will make a great collector's item.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, in conjunction with ROADSHOW HOME VIDEO, will launch this special promotion by running a 'HERO' give-away contest over the next three weeks. During this time ASW's lucky readers will have the golden opportunity to win one of FIVE copies of the video cassette, for the own personal library collection.

'HERO' was produced by Drummond Challis, written and directed by Tony Maylam and the special narration done by the well-known British movie star, Michael Caine.

This exciting film will NOT be shown in the theatres, but will be released only on video cassette on JULY 21 this year.

The film includes magnificent clips of Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Italy, Mexico, Paraguay, South Korea, Scotland, Spain, Uruguay and the USSR.

See the world's best players displaying their dazzling skills, including Diego Maradona, Emilio Butragueno, Michel Platini, Gary Lineker, Zico, Socrates, Hugo Sanchez, Michael Laudrup, Preben Elkjaer, Alessandro Altobelli and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, all on 35mm film.

It is an excellent cassette that makes for quality viewing, culminating with the final where Argentina battles it out with the West Germans in an epic encounter.

Readers are requested to fill in the coupon appearing at the base of this page and send it immediately to:

ASW — HERO Contest
P.O.Box 406.
BROADWAY, NSW 2007.

DO NOT forget to mark clearly which format (VHS or BETA), you would like to win when submitting your entry for 'HERO'.

You may send as many entries as you like, but only ONE per envelope and only original copies of the coupon, strictly NO PHOTOCOPIES.

Winners will be notified by mail and announced in JULY 22nd edition of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

ASW — HERO Video Contest

Five persons will receive a copy of the ROADSHOW Home Video of HERO. The winners must answer the quiz below correctly and be adjudged one of the five neatest, correct, handwritten entries in the opinion of the Editor.
The winners of the last four World Cups were:

1986 .....**1982** .....

1978 .....**1974** .....
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ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY JULY 15

Schintler, it's JUST a ground

BY GREG BLAKE

I anticipated it and it happened.

I opened my big mouth and singled out Footscray JUST for a bit of stick.

I knew I'd cop it and as certainly as the sun rises in the morning, I did — in great, big pieces.

But I refuse to take back anything I said about Footscray's ground in ASW last week.

Schintler Reserve is, although it's not on it's own in the NSL, substandard and not even close to being up to what we should expect from a National League club in the 1980's.

I'm not anti the club and the last thing I want is for a club so steeped in tradition and so well regarded for its football excellence to be out of the league.

Until this week when I put my foot in it I've always enjoyed watching 'Plavi' and enjoyed a healthy relationship with most people at the club.

The only genuine argument I've listened to against what I said of Schintler Reserve last week is that the ground is Footscray's "traditional home" and that fans have faithfully supported the team there for 20 years.

And fair enough too.

But the point is this: The ground hasn't improved one little bit in terms of spectator facilities in the decade I've been visiting the place.

In the same period home attendances have dropped from an average of around 4,500 to well under 3,000.

Just as in the previous decade support gradually whittled away from the halcyon days of the 1960's.

And just as it will continue to whittle away as the 'traditional supporter' gets either too old to bother or, quite literally, dies off.

Who is going to replace the die-hard fans who will go in any weather and who do tolerate the sub-standard facilities just to watch their beloved 'Plavi'?

The grass-root fans will not be around for ever and sports fans in the jet-age simply will not replace them.

I don't even midly dislike Footscray JUST — long may it thrive in the NSL.

I disagree with people who can't be bothered seeing the wood for the trees.

EDITOR

MOST Australians have had no connection with South American football.

For those in that category but who have either a passionate or a passing interest in Soccer football, that omission is about to be remedied.

At its peak there is no more entertaining football in the world than that provided by Brazil and Argentine - as many Australians who have South American backgrounds or follow the world scene can readily vouch.

Argentina is first to get the Bicentennial Gold Cup on the road, when they meet skilful Saudi Arabia at Football Park in Adelaide tonight (Wednesday).

Saudi Arabia has had a checkered career since arriving in Australia, but it must be said that the more trial games they have had the more they have settled in.

On Thursday night Australia gets its baptism of fire with the game against favourites Brazil at Melbourne's Olympic Park, and what an occasion that will be.

Next, on to Sydney for Saturday's Australia-Saudi Arabia clash at Parramatta Stadium.

Melbourne fans - who, like Sydney, have a large and keen South American population - will witness a scintillating Argentina-Brazil clash in all its glories at their Olympic Park headquarters on Sunday.

Given a last minute publicity burst, then the capital of Australian rules will see an event that will give the local population an indication of what the real world football is all about.

Four more big occasions follow - in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra and culminating in the glittering Bicentennial Gold Cup final on Sunday week at Sydney Football Stadium.

The general Australian sporting public for the most part is so naive, even in the Bicentennial year, with so few realising that they have an event in front of them of unbelievable magnitude.

Fancy an event of such size that live televsion goes out to 56 countries around the world.

But that is in the nature of Association football, as it affects South America, Asia, Europe, Africa.

Leaving aside many of the established players of Argentina and Brazil, the Austraian Soccer public is about to see some of the up and coming superstars who will figure strongly in the outcome of the 1990 World Cup.

There is no doubt that the games in this series should not be missed. They should provide a right royal Bicentennial occasion.

For the Socceroos there is more to the series - outstanding though it is - than is involved in the tournament itself.

At the back of their minds will be the run through to the Seoul Olympic finals, which represents yet another big forward march for Australian Soccer.

Queensland conducts management survey

A WORKSHOP which could decide the future direction of Queensland Soccer, will be held at Perry Park next month.

The Queensland Soccer Federation had engaged marketing and management consultants Touche Ross to complete a report on Soccer in Queensland, and the workshop will be the main focus in the company's assessment of the code.

Representatives from all sections of Queensland Soccer have been invited to attend the day-long workshop, on Saturday, August 13.

Mr Ian Cooke, from Touche Ross, said it would the opportunity for people to say what they think.

"It is very important that we get people from every section including seniors, juniors, women, administration, coach, referees, the media and spectators.

"If any group doesn't send a representative then perhaps they are just not interested in the code and as such should not have a say in the running of it," he said.

Those who attend the workshop will be divided into smaller discussion groups from which ideas and suggestions will be grafted.

"I would like to see at least 50 and up to 70 people there," Cooke said.

After the workshop, Touche Ross expect to deliver a report highlighting Queensland Soccer's strengths and weaknesses within six weeks.

The QSF is expected to use the report to formulate policies for future years and determine whether to seek a replacement for QSF marketing and promotions officer Mark Gardner, who resigned last month.

"It is very important that we get as wide a cross section of Soccer representatives as possible. This is a chance for everyone in Soccer to be involved," said QSF president Ian Brusasco.

Those wishing to attend the workshop are asked to pre-register with the QSF office at Perry Park.

SOCCEROO CRINO SWITCHES SIDES

HAD you told the 10-year-old street football star that 15 years later he'd be lining up against his universally worshipped Argentina national team for another country he would never have believed it.

Oscar Crino, the 25 year old Footscray and Socceroo midfield ace had never heard of Australia in those heady childhood days in suburban Buenos Aires.

Football, passionately loved by all, more than even religion, in South American, is a way of life in Argentina as it is in any other South American nation you like to name.

Every youngster wants to be a football star.

That's the environment Crino, arguably our finest Socceroo star, learnt his undeniable skills.

Unlike our often pampered, results-at-all-costs attitude to junior Soccer, South American kids are brought up with new equipment, Wembley-like playing fields and ever present, often over demanding parents.

"We organised ourselves to play football wherever and whenever possible with only the occasional fan around to encourage us," says Crino of those early, formative years.

"There was no pressure, only encouragement in these games played with great passion.

"We usually played in dusty back streets with a small rubber ball.

"The biggest problem was that the ball often went over the fences and we disturbed residents during their siesta.

"They would cut up the ball in anger and we'd have to improvise further by making a ball out of paper, old clothing or whatever we could find."

One of Crino's team mates in those early "street leagues" was Dario Siviski, one of the current stars of Argentinian football, and listed by the Argentinian Football Association as one of the tourists to Australia.

Siviski plays for second placed San Lorenzo, the former club of Argentinian national boss Dr Carlos Bilardo and former Canberra City and Young Socceroo assistant coach and St George star player, Victor Fernandez.

Sivski, nicknamed "Polish", thanks to his long blond hair, will be one of the stars for Argentina in their bid to retain the World Cup in Italy in 1990.

The Siviski family lived two streets away from Oscar's family in Buenos Aires where Crino senior ran a butcher's shop.

Such is the extent of their scouting system in Argentina that both Siviski and Crino were "spotted" during their many street games by scouts from San Lorenzo club.

Both were asked to join the club even though both were only ten years of age.

Siviski joined San Lorenzo and now struts his stuff on the world stage, including unbelievable offers to join the wealthy Italian first division next year.

In an unique twist of fate Crino's career went a different direction.

About to join San Lorenzo and make fame and fortune as a football star, Crino's father decided to migrate to Australia.

San Lorenzo, not keen to let a talent slip through their grasp, offered to educate, accomodate and take care of the young Oscar should he stay in Argentina.

The day Crino's father said no and set sail with his family for Australia is one Oscar will never forget.

"I cried for six months, I couldn't believe it or understand it all."

"I hated Australia in those early days for depriving me of the chance to become a football star," he recalls.

ASW special writer and former Socceroo skipper JOHNNY WARREN casts an eye over various topics in the Soccer world. His thought provoking comments make enlightening reading . . .

In retrospect Crino has few regrete except the occasional twinge of what might have been had he stayed in Argentina.

Justifiably too, for Crino was one of the stars in Australia's fabulous 2-1 win over the then world champions Argentina in the opening round of the World Youth Championship in Sydney in 1981.

In a Beckenbauer like performance — Crino was the Young Socceroo sweeper in those days — Crino stole the show from players such as Tapia, Clausen, and the man who was to score the 1986 World Cup winner, Jorge Burruchaga.

Crino outplayed Burruchaga that day, and one can forgive Crino the thought that had he stayed in Argentina he too would be boasting a 1986 World Cup winners medal too.

But now, with few regrets, it is Australia, the Olympics, the Bicentennial Gold Cup, the 1990 World Cup and his club football.

World Cup winner Jose Luis Brown.

Not to mention a restaurant business with brother Carlos and life in Melbourne with his bride of two years Nellie, who was born in the Soviet Union.

Oscar Crino may have cried his eyes out for months when his family moved to Australia.

But it is a move Australian fans will not lose sleep over, for Oscar Crino, capped already 72 times for Australia — 49 at senior level — is a player and person all Australia can be justifiably proud of on the eve of the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

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Saudi Arabia's Brazilian master

CARLOS Alberto Parreira, coach of Saudi Arabia, is a man you all should meet.

Forty years of age, assistant to Mario Zagalo when Brazil won the World Cup in 1970 and finished 4th in 1974, Parreira has spent considerable time in the Middle East where Brazilian coaches have made the Saudis and other Golf nations overnight successes.

Parreira also won the Brazilian national title with Fluminense in 1984.

Unsolicited he told me apart from Careca of Napoli Brazil's team for the Bicentennial Gold Cup IS THE BEST BRAZILIAN TEAM of the moment.

From a man mooted freely in Brazil to be their next national coach that is some praise.

Parreira also told me what an improvement there had been in Australian Soccer standards.

He was here, again as Zagalo's assistant when Kuwait beat Australia in 1977 at the Sydney Sportsground.

He said: "In those days Australia just kicked and ran playing a very Britishs style game.

"But I have been impressed with Australia in recent times," added Parreira.

"Frank (Arok) has done a great job with the Australian team and now they play football".

Parreira's observations come from tapes he has seen of the Socceroos, plus he saw Australia play Dinamo Zagreb twice earlier this year when he was in Australia for a two week holiday with his family.

Gilt edged chance for coaches

A memo to junior coaches, schoolteachers, and those interested in training methods . . . contact your local Federation for training times of the Saudis, Brazil, Argentina and our Socceroos when they are in your city and get along to see them train. Better still get your whole team along to the training sessions. Again training times from your various state Federations.

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Due to limitations of time and availability of passes, we have to advise that this competition must be restricted to NSW and ACT entrants only.

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SHORTS

Saudia Arabia's measured play was seen in the SBS TV screening of their game against Scotland. On that showing striker Majed Abdullah must be watched.

Coach Carlos Alberto Parriera is a wily bird who will have something up his sleeve for the series.

Brazil has strikers Romario and Muller, and the emerging midfield wonder, Careca.

With Argentina watch striker Oscar Dertycia in particular.

Sure, Maradona is missing, but who can doubt the consumate skills of players like Batista (if cleared of injury), Douglas and Nelsinho.

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Brazil's quality on show

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

TOMORROW night (Thursday) at Melbourne's Olympic Park, Australia face the illustrious Brazilians in their first match of the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

They head Scotland as the Socceroos' toughest opponent of recent years.

Australia's coach Frank Arok told ASW last night from Melbourne: "Just the name 'Brazil' is enough. The quality of their teams has always been frightening, to say the least."

Arok will also have to contend with the battle-plans drawn up by Brazil's brilliant tactical coach Carlos Alberto Silva.

"We are definitely capable of stopping anyone and do our own attacking," Arok added.

Arriving in Melbourne last Monday afternoon with his squad of 22 players, the Australian coach was troubled by injuries sustained by two of his key players in last Sunday's NSL club fixtures.

The injured players are midfielders Graham Arnold, who is recovering, and Mike Petersen, who is in doubt with groin strain.

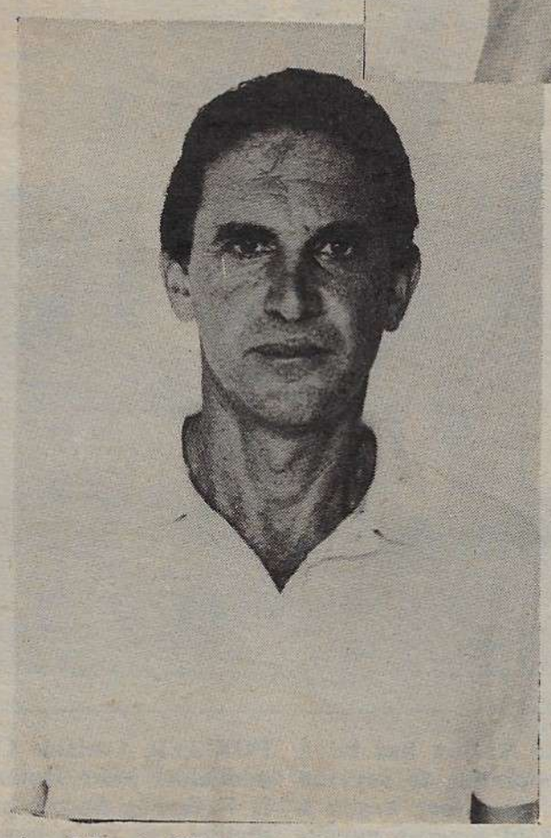
On Saturday, at Sydney's Parramatta Stadium, Australia takes on Saudi Arabia at 3pm.

Romario

Careca

Douglas

Geovanni



Carlos Alberto Silva (Brazil's coach)

Brazil

- ZE CARLOS
- ALOISO
- TAFFAREL
- BATISTA
- RICARDO
- ANDRE CRUZ
- JORGINHO
- BALU
- NELSINHO
- DOUGLAS
- ADEMIR
- MILTON
- CARECA
- GEOVANI
- EDU
- EDMAR
- ROMARIO
- RENATO
- MULLER
- VALDO

CARLOS ALBERTO SILVA (Coach)

Australia

- JEFF OLVER
- MIKE GIBSON
- ALEX TOBIN
- WALLY SAVOR
- GRAHAM JENNINGS
- ROBBIE DUNN
- CHARLIE YANKOS
- ANGIE POSTECOGLOU
- ALAN DAVIDSON
- GARY VAN EGMOND
- ALAN HUNTER
- IAN GRAY
- OSCAR CRINO
- MIKE PETERSEN
- PAUL WADE
- VLADO BOZINOVSKI
- JOHN KOSMINA
- GRAHAM ARNOLD
- SCOTT OLLERENSHAW
- FRANK FARINA
- ROBBIE SLATER
- ANDY KOCZKA

FRANK AROK (Coach)

Argentina

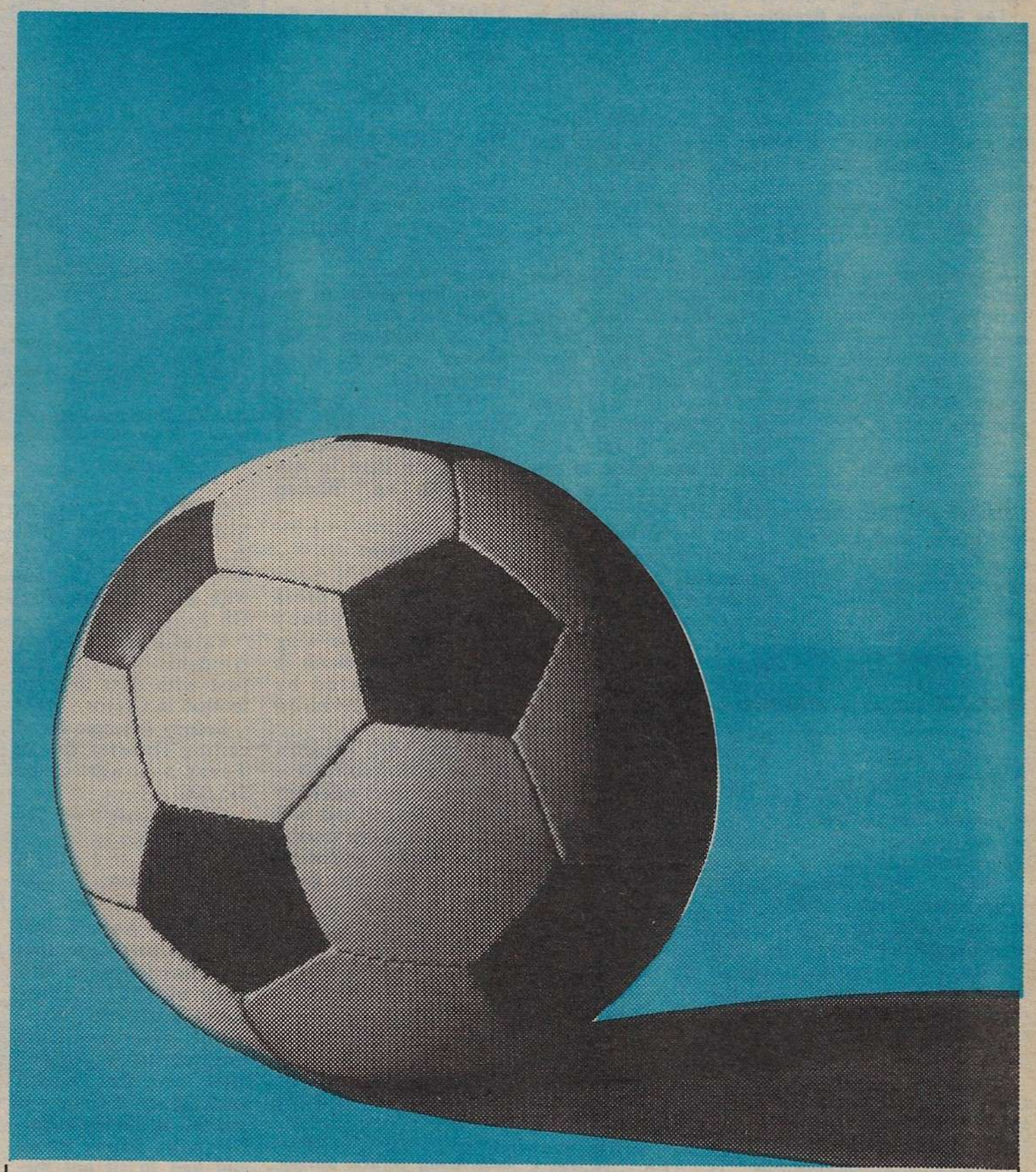
1. LUIS ALBERTO ISLAS
2. TORIBIO DANIEL AQUINO
3. SERGIO DANIEL BATISTA
4. CLAUDIO MARTIN CABRERA
5. NESTOR ROLANDO CLAUSEN
6. JOSE LUIS CUCIUFFO
7. OSCAR ALBERTO DERTYCIA
8. HERNAN EDGARDO DIAZ
9. HECTOR ENRIQUE
10. NESTOR ARIEL FABBRI
11. OSCAR ALFREDO GARRE
12. FABIAN CANCELARICH
13. RICARDO OMAR GIUSTI
14. FERNANDO LANZIDEI
15. NESTOR LORENZO
16. MARIO BRUNO LUCCA
17. PEDRO DAMIAN MONZON
18. JULIO J. OLARTICOECHEA
19. JOSE LUIS RODRIGUEZ
20. OSCAR ALFREDO RUGGERI
21. DIEGO PABLO SIMEONE
22. DARIO ANDRES SIVISKI

CARLOS SALVADOR BILARDO (Coach)

Saudi Arabia

1. ABDULLAN ALDEAYEA
2. KHAI ID ALSISIANI
3. SALEM MARWAN
4. MOHAMMED ABDULJAWAD
5. RIYADH ALAHMARI
6. AHMED JAMIL MADANI
7. ABDUL RAHAMAN ALROOMI
8. SALEH ALNAIMAH
9. WALID ALSAGRI
10. BANDAR BOURUR ALMOWALID
11. SAED BREAK ABU-KHOJAR
12. KHALID MESAED ALMOWALID
13. ABDULAZIZ ALBORGAN
14. SALEH ALMUTLAQ
15. ZAKI AL-SALEH
16. FAHED ALMOUSEIBIH
17. SAED MUBARAK AL-OOSSARY
18. YOUSEF ALTHUNEYAH
19. MAROWAN ALSHIHA
20. FAHED HOREIFI ALBISHY
21. MAJED ABDULLAH MOHAMMED
22. YOUSSEF JAZEA AL-OOSSARY
23. MOHEISSEN ALDOSSARY
24. OMAR BAKHOSHEIN
25. MOHAMMED ALSHAHRANI
26. JAMAL AL-OOSSSARY

CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA (Coach)



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PELE, the man voted "the greatest athlete of the twentieth century" by Time magazine, will be the guest of Melbourne's Offside Club tomorrow (Thursday).

The great man himself will spend his one day in Melbourne as the Offside Club's guest and will speak at a 12.15pm luncheon at Melbourne's Sheraton Hotel.

Tickets, if they are still available, are open to the general public at $35 per head and bookings can be obtained by ringing Anna Jones (03) 429 6288.

The world famous Brazilian star is in Australia to promote the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

★★★

DISCUSSIONS towards the end of the season between competing states will decide the format for this year's play-offs for the West End League.

Champions in Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane if they want to compete and meet qualifying requirements, will play-off for one spot.

The NSW champion gains the other.

★★★

DUSAN PURAC, Manly Vale's well-known coach of Brazilian-styled Soccer, has gained another valuable sponsorship from former NSW Sheffield Shield cricketer, Mike Pawley.

Since starting his special Soccer clinics two years ago, the former Yugoslav first division player has fostered many junior players into the senior ranks of the code.

"We have kids coming from all over Sydney after hearing what I can really teach them about Soccer.

"Most Australian coaches produce certificates and assume that that is all they need to be good teachers. Not so.

"I've played Soccer at the highest level and know what it's all about," Dusan told ASW.

Dusan's Soccer clinics are called "Brazilian Soccer Schools" because of his great personal admiration of that nation's colourful style.

He places great emphasis on the teachings of skills.

When Brunswick Juventus defied the odds and scored its third win in succession against Sydney Croatia recently, it was assumed it had been a long time between drinks for the struggling Melbourne club.

In fact it has been nearly two years since Juventus last won three game on end in the NSL.

The club's previous best of four wins in a row came back in July 1986 and it was failed to put together such a run since.

But if you think that's an unenviable record consider those of Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Olympic.

Olympic's last run of three successive wins was back in May-June of 1985 when it put together six winning performances in a row.

★★★

NSW's Alan Vest and Queensland's Bruce Stowell are set to put the Gold Cup competition under the microscope.

The pair have been asked by national director of coaching Eric Worthington to do an analysis of the football played by each team in the tournament.

"With sides the calibre of Brazil and Argentina playing here, it is the perfect opportunity for us to learn," said Stowell.

Their findings are expected to be collated and then distributed around the country through the coaching network.

★★★

IN explaining to the press that Tommy McCulloch and Jean-Paul de Marigny had pulled out of the Australian squad, Australian coach FRANK AROK said: "They are both adults and I see no reason to challenge their decision."

★★★

DR CARLOS BILARDO, Argentina's World Cup manager, as soon as he arrived with his national squad at Adelaide's Travelodge, immediately laid down the law.

His instructions to the motel staff were explicit.

"All telephones in my players' rooms are to be disconnected.

"Only fresh orange juice and Coca Cola are to be served as drinks.

"We are here to win the Gold Cup." Bilardo said.

★★★

DESPITE some press reports, Sydney Croatia's dynamic wing striker Robbie Slater is not being chased by Greek first division Larissa.

Larissa, last season's Greek champions, are however interested in another striker and will approach him this week.

The striker is Sydney based and an ace goal-scorer.

★★★

SERGIO BATISTA, Argentina's powerful World Cup midfielder, is in serious doubt for tonight's match in Adelaide against Saudi Arabia.

Batista suffered a hamstring injury during training in Adelaide.

And guess who is treating Batista?

None other than Glenn Dods, former New Zealand and Adelaide City fullback, who is now a physiotherapist.

Heidelberg's young star John Anastasiadis is all set to join PAOK of Salonika.

The pacy 20-year-old former NSL star has been a sensation in the Victorian State League this season and came to the attention of the Greek club through former Berger coach John Margaritis.

PAOK is believed to be keen to arrange a transfer deal with Heidelberg prior to the Greek transfer deadline on July 15.

The Young Socceroo was the subject of massive transfer bids by both South Melbourne Hellas and Sunshine George Cross earlier this season, but decided to see his contract out with the relegated Heidelberg side.

★★★

TERRY PATALIS, Sydney Olympic's striker, is about to go overseas to Greece for trials with first division side, Ofi.

Patalis has already tried his lucky in the past with first division football in Cyprus.

Sydney Olympic has a ceiling transfer fee in Terry's contract of $15,000.

OFI is based on the isle of Crete.

★★★

PART of Apia Leichhardt's problem this year has been the absence of 1987 leading scorer, ROD BROWN.

But, after gradually working his way ahead after recovering from a back injury, Brown was sent off in Friday night's Brisbane Lions game and had to sit out the-Wollongong Wolves matchat Brandan Park on Sunday. had to sit out for the Wollongong Wolves match at Brandon Park on Sunday.

★★★

TOMMY McCULLOCH and JEAN-PAUL de MARIGNY cast some waves when they pulled out of the Socceroo squad.

McCulloch has been on the verge of the main team for four years without breaking in, so it seems that his international career is finished, although he is certain to carry on his illustrious midfield career with Marconi. De Marigny however could be back again in the future.

★★★

Saudi Arabia has been disappointing to say the least since they began a series of practise matches in Melbourne early in June in preparation for the Gold Cup.

In games against State League Springvale City, the Victorian Youth team and internationals against New Zealand, the Saudi's had found the going tough and failed to impress.

However last week Saudi Arabia started to show just a hint of its best form when it beat a combination of reserve and youth team players from South Melbourne Hellas 3-0 at Middle Park.

A day later the Saudis took on Hong Kong at Olympic Park and continued on its new found winning way with another 3-0 victory.

★★★

Footscray JUST coach Mirsad Fazlagic has indicated that he is keen to continue his association with the club for at least another year.

The former Yugoslavian World Youth Cup winning coach accepted the job at Footscray at the start of the current season on a one year agreement.

He has now told the club he is pleased with the progress of the team and would like to stay on.

A decision on Fazlagic's future is likely to made by the club after July 9, when a general meeting has been called to give members the chance to vote on a recent proposal to allow a take-over by a business consortium.

The group of businessmen is led by Alf Bulic.

★★★

FORMER Adelaide City midfielder Mike Donnelly is finding Soccer predicting can be a hazardous experience.

The Croatia midfielder gave his tips in an Adelaide paper and a couple of his tongue in cheek suggestions obviously ruffled a few feathers.

Donnelly recently received several 'red meat' challenges, one of which resulted in a cut above the eye that needed a couple if stitches. That followed a broken nose he received last month.

★★★

Melbourne's self-proclaimed 'Mr Soccer,' Fred Villiers, tried to put the boot in on ASW in his weekly column recently — or did he?

ASW had run a home game advertisement for Brunswick's match against Sydney Croatia for the Sunday, when the game had been transfered to the preceding Saturday.

Fred did his best at getting in a cheap shot next week by mentioning the error and concluding as follows: "Of course, Juventus play their league game at Heidelberg's Olympic Village on Saturday, at 2.30pm and not Saturday as advertised." Oh, Oh, Mr Villiers!!! A REAL lulu!

★★★

Former Wyalla (SA) boy Alistair Edwards looks ready to make his mark next season with Glasgow Rangers.

The ex-AIS and Youth Socceroo striker has starred recently in a youth tournament in Italy, and could be ready for his first team break next term at Ibrox.

He has signed a new two-year contract with the club.

★★★

FORMER $1 million Adelaide City guest Justin Fashanu may soon be back in the big-time.

Scottish club Hibernian is keen to sign the big, colored striker, who is strutting his stuff in the US with Los Angeles Heat.

★★★

Soccer in Northern Tasmania is getting better organised, especially as a result of the re-introduction of the statewide Tasmanian State League, sponsored by Cadburys.

Both the North-Western Tasmanian Soccer Association and the Northern Tasmanian Soccer Association have been working very closely together this year to provide a smoother and more rationalised running of the league competitions.

North and North-Western clubs have combined in all senior, Under-17 Youth and Womens leagues to provide better competition, and administration has also been better co-ordinated.

And only recently have both of these associations agreed to take another step in the right direct.

Both the NWTSA and the NTSA will make way for the combined newly-formed Tasmanian Soccer League.

The TSL will be made up of 10 Northern and 5 North-Western clubs fielding teams in all divisions, including the Tasmanian State League.

Mr Stuart McCarron, chairman of the TSL steering committee, said that there were many advantages.

"It is much easier to have the one body to run a competition. Also, we will have both areas to draw funding from and it will make it easier to get a blanket sponsor for the League," he said.

The League will be based on Launceston.

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Wright's apt advice to Brisbane's Lions

SOUTH Melbourne captain Danny Wright has warned his former Brisbane Lions team-mates to forget about moves south until the end of the season.

Wright, who was back in Brisbane when South Melbourne downed Lions 3-1, learned that a number of Lions players are looking to head to Sydney and Melbourne if the club is relegated at the end of the year.

"The best thing they can do for themselves and the club is to put those thoughts out of their heads and concentrate on winning as many games as they can before the end of the season," Wright said.

"If the players forget about the job at hand and start to worry about where they are going to play next season then Lions could get caned before the end of the season, and that won't do anyone any good.

"Those players considering a move would do there own reputations a lot of good and increase their chances of getting a better contract if they finished the season in a blaze of glory."

At least four Lions players could be on the move if the club is relegated.

Outstanding young goalkeeper Jason Kearton is expected to be lured south in the hope of winning a place in the Australian team, while former Socceroo Russell Stewart may also have to make a move in a last chance bid to wear the green and gold again.

Former New Zealand Grant Lightbown could be another who may fancy his luck down south, while former West Australian Rothman's Medal winner Frank Cole has shown enough in just a handful of games to suggest southern clubs could swoop for him.

Others who may also be lured south include Queensland player of the year Frank Mengotti, explosive young midfielder Nick Meredith and former Australian Institute of Sport signings Alex Cummings and David Clarkson.

But Wright warned: "Be careful before you sign anything. All southern clubs are not as rosy as they may seem".

And any Lions players expecting to head off could be in for a rude shock unless they have maximum transfer clauses in their contracts.

New coach Frank Liddell pointed out that no clubs had done Lions any favors when they went looking for players this season and that would not be forgotten.

"If I am appointed coach next season and any players don't want to play for the club next year, then we will let them go. But we would want sizeable transfer fees to enable us to build a new squad," Liddell said.

Wright said he one day hoped to return to Queensland, but would not come back to Lions until the club bought quality.

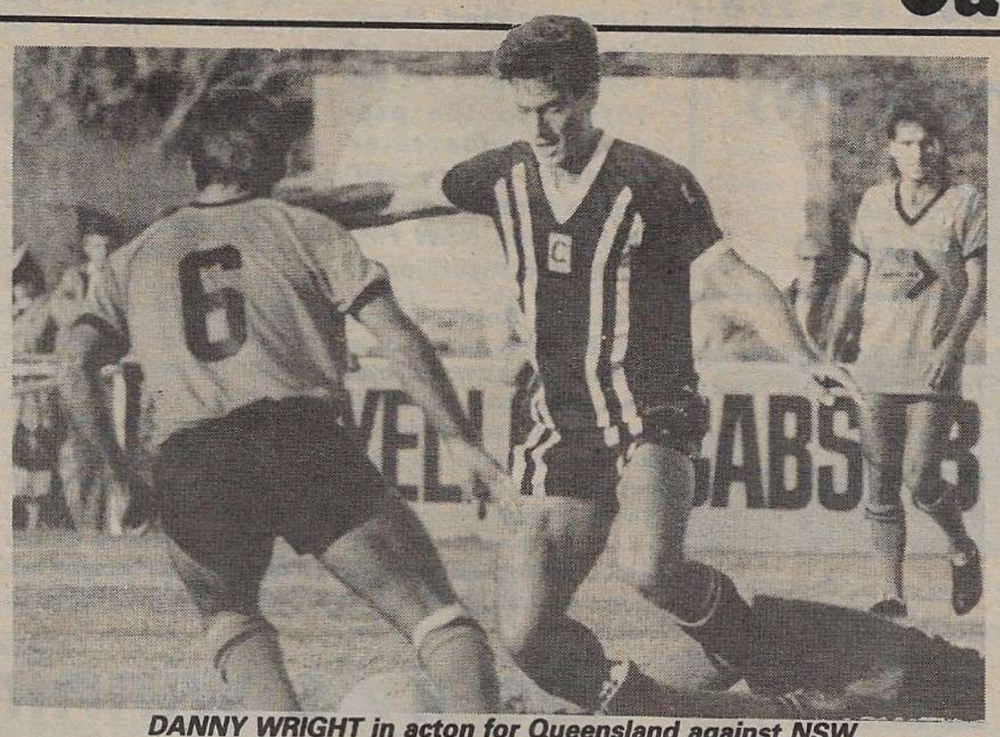
"They need to get 15 or 16 really good players. If the teams looks to have a chance of winning something, players will come to Brisbane," Wright said.

In the meantime, the former young Socceroo is enjoying his stint at South Melbourne and hopes to get into the National squad for the next World Cup qualifying rounds.

"I think the door is shut now for the Olympics, but I hope Frank Arok would look at me for his next squad," Wright said. "He often said he could not consider me at Lions because I was not in a team that was winning regular.

"I am now at South Melbourne. The last time I was in an Australian squad I was injured and I think that probably is working against me because he likes strong players.

"But I intend to keep playing and scoring at South Melbourne and prove to him that I am good enough and strong enough to play for Australia."



DANNY WRIGHT in acton for Queensland against NSW.

Mt Gravatt's tale of woe

MOUNT Gravatt's sorry season is continuing with talented youngster Domenic Tonel the club's latest casualty.

Tonel broke a bone in his foot in a work accident and is expected to be sidelined for at least a month.

At the beginning of the season, the Hawks — under new coach Ian Steele — were tipped by many to be the real entertainers this season and a big chance of winning at least one honor. But through no fault of their own, things went bad.

The Ireland brothers, Simon and Gary, and their friend Simon Roberts, decided to play money games with Mount Gravatt and in the end severed all ties — exit one quarter of the side Steele was building.

Experienced striker Tom McGregor was the next to be injured and spent a lengthy spell on the sidelines. Goalkeeper Mark Pickup then had a form slump to a frightening level that he was virtually costing the side a goal a game through silly mistakes.

To his credit, Steele — in his first season as first team coach — pulled the holes each time they occurred and tried to keep his side competitive. But the problems reflected on the field.

Against North Star, Mount Gravatt dominated but could not put the ball in the net. Against Brisbane City they wasted chances and found themselves 3-1 down at the break. Against Rochedale they simply stood back and let Craig Low tear the defence apart.

"It's been disappointing but we are far from finished," Steele said. "We've sat down and had a good long talk about it and we all believe we only need one good result and we will be back on the rails."

Scriggins' chance with North Star

FORMER Queensland youth player Lee Scriggins has switched from Brisbane City to North Star and is determined to live-up to the potential he has shown for several years.

Scriggins, 22, was billed as Queensland's next top striker when he burst into the Brisbane City NSL team four years ago. After a run of promising performances, Scriggins' star dulled a little.

He went overseas for trials then returned to Queensland and went on loan back to his former junior club Pine Rivers, playing a season with them in Division Two.

Scriggins was coaxed back to City this year, but under new coach Matt Carson could not win a first team place. After a series of part appearances he asked for a move, and was placed on the list for $5000.

There were few offers at that price and with last week's transfer deadline fast approaching, it seemed Scriggins could be left in limbo. But North Star stepped in at the last moment and signed the young striker, reportedly for $3000.

"I just want to start playing again and score as many goals as I can for North Star," Scriggins said after his signing.

Even after his signing, it took Scriggins more than a week to make his debut for his new club.

He missed North Star's XXXX League 1-0 win over Coalstars because his signing had not been cleared. Then he was unable to play in North Star's Ampol Cup quarter-final against Brisbane Croatia because he was 'cup-tied,' having played for Brisbane City in a cup qualifying match against Inala City.

"I don't believe in the cup-tie rule because I think it is a silly idea. But it's a rule that applies around the world and there's nothing I can do about it," Scriggins said.

Scriggins predicted that North Star would roll favorites Brisbane City in the XXXX League premiership. North Star took the lead for the first time this season a week ago after playing all its catch-up games. But City still has two matches in hand.

"I feel the atmosphere at North Star is much better for me than at City. When I first signed I was made to feel very welcome. At City I was just another player at a big club," Scriggins said.

"From what I have seen at North Star so far, I think they have the players and the attitude to win the league."

Liddell pedals back to fitness

THE comeback of former Queensland and Brisbane Lions captain Frank Liddell has been delayed.

Liddell badly injured his knee in Lions' home match with Preston on April 17 and had hoped to return playing in the match against South Melbourne last Sunday.

But special tests on Liddell's legs last week revealed that most ligaments and muscles were back within 15 percent of their full capacity, several crucial areas were still operating at 30 percent below maximum. And when coming back from a knee injury, at 30 percent down, the risk factor is alarmingly high.

"I desperately want to get back on the field, but after talking to the specialist I realised I had everything to lose and very, very little to gain by rushing back," Liddell said.

"It has been so frustrating sitting on the sidelines and seeing the team struggle against relegation, but I would be kidding myself if I thought I could comeback and singlehandedly save them. I don't think there is a defender in the world who could do that.

"The best thing I can do for myself and the club is to get the knee right and then apply myself to whatever position they are in at the time."

Liddell was worked tirelessly in his rehabilitation of his knee, the first major injury he has had in a long and distinguished career which included a lengthy premier division spell with hearts.

In addition to weekly physiotherapy and gymnasium sessions, including three a week in his lunch-hour, Liddell has set up a home-training program.

He pedals an exercise bike while watching TV and lifts a weighted shoe while sitting reading. "Any spare moment I get I do some kind of exercise to get the knee right," Liddell said.

With the Lions defence in disarray this year, Lions are hoping Liddell can get back as soon as possible.

Meanwhile he has taken the hot seat as club coach.

Logic to prevail?

TWENTY-two votes stand between the Queensland Soccer Federation and another restructuring crisis at its special general meeting called for Tuesday, July 12.

The notice of motion will be put to the special meeting to finalise details to accommodate Brisbane Lions back in the Queensland XXXX League should they be relegated from the NSL, as now appears highly likely.

As the QSF constitution now stands, Lions automatically are entitled to a place back in the premier Queensland competition.

But under the present rules, should they return, and another Queensland team fails to win the NSL promotion play-offs, the XXXX League next year would be a 13-team tion but also having a bye in its major league.

To overcome the problem, the management committee has put up the notice of motion, which if made constitutional, will see two rather than one team relegated from the XXXX League this season should Lions return.

Had the notice of motion been put to a special general meeting at the beginning of the season, when all clubs were confident of a bold showing, it probably would have easily gained the needed 75 percent majority to become constitutional.

The QSF management committee is vehemently opposed not only to expanding its top competi-

But now, two weeks into the second half of the season, the vote may not be as clearcut.

The matter is made worse in that there are as many teams clustered at the bottom of the table as there are fighting for a top five berth. And the introduction of three points for a win means teams as high as fifth-placed Taringa are still not completely safe from relegation if two teams are cut.

Under the QSF constitution, the full members, being the 24 teams in the top two divisions, have two votes each. The remaining 39 lower division clubs and affiliates have a single vote.

As the affiliates are expected to abstain, that means 88 votes will have to be cast if all attend. If just 22 vote against the notice of motion, it will be defeated. And that is if there is 100 percent attendance.

If the past is an indication there will always be a handful of absentees, and these usually do not include the "no" voters.

QSF executive director Alan Vessey concedes that the numbers suggest it could be a close vote, but adds that he hopes commonsense will prevail.

"If the clubs consider the alternatives, then I think they will realise the notice of motion deserves solid support," Vessey said.

But that may not be the case. Ipswich United and Redlands, the two most-threatened clubs on current XXXX League placings, already have said they will vote against the notice of motion.

Rochedale and Croatia are yet to discuss the matter at club level, but on their current placings it seems unlikely they would back moves which seriously threaten their XXXX League survival.

Those four represent eight votes and it would only take a few more full members to join them and a few lower division swingers to join in, and the 22 needed votes may be found.

And those with their ears to the ground in Queensland Soccer realise that the repercussions of a defeated notice of motion could be greater than even the "no" voters realise.

Northern NSW News and views

The State Story

FROM DAVE WILLIAMS

JUNIORS

THE decision by the Northern NSW Board of Directors to include teams from the Hastings — Manning District in the Federation's Coca-Cola junior competitions has proved to be a move in the right direction.

Officials, managers and coaches of the eight competing clubs are almost unanimous in saying that the move has already proved successful after just seven (rain affected) rounds.

The Hastings-Manning U/13 side with a game in hand is leading the field from Weston Workers Bears. They are undefeated, scoring twelve and having only one registered against them.

Only Highfields Azzurri are ahead of them in the U/14 series where the Northerners have only tasted defeat once.

In the U/15 and the U/16 competitions the Hastings-Manning sides are in the lower half of the points table but are learning from every game.

NNSW TABLES as at 26.6.88

STATE FIRST DIVISION

FIRST GRADE							
West Wallsend	9	8	1	0	21	5	25
Adamstown Rosebud	9	6	1	2	17	8	19
Weston Workers Bears	9	4	1	4	15	15	13
Highfields Azzurri	7	4	0	3	12	10	12
Cardiff	9	3	2	4	13	20	11
Lake Macquarie City	8	3	1	4	14	12	10
Belmont-Swansea Utd	7	2	2	3	9	10	8
Wallsend	9	2	2	5	6	12	8
Stockton	8	2	0	6	11	19	6
Central Coast Ass	7	1	2	4	8	15	5
RESERVE GRADE							
West Wallsend	9	7	1	1	20	7	22
Lake Macquarie City	8	5	2	1	12	6	17
Weston Workers Bears	9	5	1	3	13	10	16
Belmont-Swansea Utd	7	2	5	0	12	7	11
Cardiff	9	3	2	4	6	8	11
Stockton	8	2	3	3	4	4	9
Adamstown Rosebud	9	2	2	5	7	12	8
Wallsend	9	1	4	4	6	11	7
Highfields Azzurri	7	1	3	3	5	7	6
Central Coast Ass	7	1	1	5	6	19	4
UNDER 18							
Adamstown Rosebud	9	6	3	0	24	3	21
Belmont-Swansea Utd	7	5	2	0	12	2	17
West Wallsend	9	4	4	1	26	12	16
Weston Workers Bears	9	4	0	5	10	12	12
Stockton	8	3	2	3	17	15	11
Lake Macquarie City	8	2	5	1	8	6	11
Highfields Azzurri	7	3	2	2	8	8	11
Cardiff	9	2	2	5	8	15	8
Central Coast Ass	7	1	2	4	2	10	5
Wallsend	9	0	0	9	4	36	0

Adamstown overturns Westy

BY BILL TURNER

DESPITE the fact that Adamstown Rosebuds dented West Wallsend's pride on Sunday with a 3-1 victory over the previously undefeated leaders, Westy still hold a three point lead in Northern NSW First Division competition.

In fact Rosebuds and the Bluebells got to know each other very well over the weekend, as they actually played a double header to catch up on a washed out game earlier in the season.

On Saturday the two sides battled out a door scoreless draw.

Ross Wells notched two goals and David Bock one to a Bernard Ryan reply as Adamstown powered to victory on Sunday.

Former cellar dwellers Central Coast picked up six points for the weekend by outscoring Wallsend twice and jump two spots on the point table.

Graham Bull-coached Stockton, caused the boilover by sending Joe Senkalski's Highfields Azzurri crashing to a 2-0 defeat, where Doug Elphick got both goals.

Lake Macquarie City picked up where they left off last Wednesday night by again defeating Cardiff Tigers, at Lymington Park. Steve Bajzath scored the only goal.

In the final double header Weston reversed Saturday's 2-0 loss to Belmont-Swansea by downing the Belswans by the same score on Sunday. Peter Murray and Mark Humphries were the scorers.

Point Score: West Wallsend 26, Adamstown Rosebuds 23, Weston 16, Lake Macquarie 16, Highfields Azzurri 12, Cardiff 11, Bel-Swans 11, Central Coast 11, Stockton 9, Wallsend 8.

NEXT WEEKS FIXTURES. SATURDAY: Belmont-Swansea v Stockton. SUNDAY: West Wallsend v Central Coast, Wallsend v Highfields Azzurri, Weston Workers v Cardiff, Lake Macquarie v Adamstown Rosebuds.

Westy's winning Way

BY BILL TURNER

THE little township of West Wallsend is steeped in the history and traditions of the Soccer code.

The town is tucked away in a picturesque valley under the shadow of Mount Sugloaf where the modern day towers of Newcastle's television stations form a bold feature on the western skyline.

Formerly a mining town one would discover an enormous divergence in the workforce in 1988.

A drive through West Wallsend would reveal a delightful blending of old and new architecture. No one blinks an eyelid at seeing a home as up to date as tomorrow while across the street there could be several houses kept with the freshness and charm they possessed sixty, eighty or more years ago.

On the north-west corner of the town is situated the famous little Johnsons Park, or "Wembley" as it is affectionately known by the locals.

Here is the home of the club that was formed in August 1891 and has played there since 1900 thanks to a free land grant by a Mr Ackroyd.

So rapid was their progress that in 1902 selectors chose the whole West Wallsend team to represent Newcastle in its annual match against Sydney which the Northerners won 4-2.

No less than twenty — four players who had association with the "Bluebells" wore the Australian colours.

They include: Henry Maunder, William "Podge" Maunder, Dave Bone, Di McLaughlan, Jack Coutts, Kevin "Midget" Lake, Ray Atkinson, H. "Bunny" Muir, Dick Sneddon, Les Brown, Clarrie Coutts, Stan Smith, Frank Coolahan, Clarrie James, Jack Foster, Jock Hodge, Keith Grant, Frank Hayes, Harold, Hugh and William Whitelaw and Jack "Bully", Ben and Ron Hughes.

They won the Premiership, Ellis Cup seventeen times, Stevenson Cup twice, Kerr Cup four times, Gardiner Cup six times out of nine finals, Victory Cup once, Denton Cup three times, Daniels Cup six times and the State Cup twice.

In 1923 West Send had seven playes chosen in the Newcastle representative side that defeated China 7-1.

In 1924 Australia and Canada played a 0-0 draw in the Fourth Test played on Newcastle's No.1 Sports Ground.

On the following Wednesday afternoon West Wallsend downed the Canadians 3-0 in what was not an unexpected result as far as the locals were concerned.

(Historical Data supplied by Northern NSW Soccer Historian Mr Harry Hetherington).

North Q'land, Gold Coast for Ampol Cup

A regional country team will contest the Queensland Ampol Cup final for the first time in six years.

The semi-final draw last weekend saw giant-killing North Queensland paired against Gold Coast, ensuring one of the non-Brisbane team will make the final.

The other semi-final pitted North Star, twice winners of the trophy, against Mount Gravatt, who have never won the cup.

The cup semi-finals will be played as a double-header at Perry Park on Saturday afternoon, July 16.

The unusual scheduling of the matches was forced on the Queensland Soccer Federation by the acute accommodation shortage in Brisbane caused by EXPO.

The QSF was unable to get overnight accommodation in Brisbane for the North Queensland team, who will now have to fly south and home again on the one day.

North Queensland are hoping to emulate the last country team to win the cup, former State League side Townsville United, who beat Ipswich United 2-1 in the 1982 cup final.

North Queensland, guided by captain and former Lions player Mick Tonner, have swept aside their local regional rivals and XXXX League clubs Taringa Rovers and Brisbane City to get to the last four.

while Tonner has engineered the wins, strikers Dave Pollock and Felix Gaviola have produced the goals that have kept the cup run going.

But the semi-finals will be the first time North Queensland have played away from Townsville.

Gold Coast have reached the semis by beating XXXX Leaguers Grange Thistle, Division Two side Newmarket and regional side Toowoomba.

Mount Gravatt and North Star advanced to the scond last stage with comfortable victories in their quarter-final doubleheader at Perry Park last Wednesday.

Mount Gravatt ended the game run of Division Two side Nerang with a 3-0 victory.

The Hawks midfielder Michael Mulvey was back to his best and in addition to a final early goal which put his team on the road to victory he dominated the middle of the park in a fashion which never let Nerang get a hold on the game.

North Star showed great composure to come from 0-1 down at halftime to beat Brisbane Croatia 3-1. The 1985 and 86 cup winners continued to push the ball around despite trailing, and some fine set-ups by Ken and Ross Swan and superb finishing by Paul Fagan ensured North Star their semi-final berth.

Schools

1987 was a great year for West Wallsend High (enrollment 600) as they defeated school after school to reach the final of the Commonwealth Bank Cup.

The decider, played in Sydney, saw Westy lose gallantly by the odd goal to Cabramatta.

This year the school reached the last sixteen losing 1-2 to the strong Drummoyne Boys High.

In the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup they have been consistent, reaching area finals on a number of occasions.

Exit Larry Gaffney

BY PHIL MURPHY

LARRY GAFFNEY has resigned as coach of State Second Division Club Fairy Meadow after continued pressure from his committee to change his team.

Gaffney quit after the scoreless draw against Bathurst when officials didn't appear in the dressing room.

He said his problems started a month ago when the team was leading the league and playing well.

"They wanted me to sign a player I didn't think I needed, but I went along with them then they were upset because I didn't select him in first grade," Gaffney said.

"The attitude of the committee on match days has been terrible. They abuse players from the sideline when they make mistakes."

Gaffney said other coaches might be more diplomatic in such a situation but he wouldn't stand for that sort of pressure.

"I found it amazing that they should carry on that way when we have lost only two games all season and were level on top with Avala before we played Bathurst," the coach said.

"It is a bit disappointing not to be able to carry on for the players' sakes, but I have the consolation I have helped them develop in the two seasons I was at the club.

"In the seasons I was there we lost only six games and I think that is a fair record in this league."

LARRY GAFFNEY

A veteran of more than 200 NSL games with Brisbane City and Wollongong City, Gaffney is keen to see out the season with another club as a player.

Within hours of his resignation, three coaches had contacted him to sign with them — one of them a State League side.

Fairy Meadow have signed Glenn Fontana so take over their coaching job and he supervised his first session last Tuesday night.

Ironically, Fontana had a spell as coach of Gladesville early last season and they were Fairy Meadow's opponents at the weekend for Fontana's first day in charge.

Illawarra Sidelights

PAUL KEATING was the toast of Shellharbour Soccer fans after their game against Warilla Wanderers.

It wasn't the Federal Treasurer they were happy with, but their tiny right side midfielder who goes by the same name.

Keating scored a goal in the last two minutes to give Shellharbour an important 3-2 win over Warilla.

It meant Shellharbour were on top of the Premier League and also in reserve grade.

Club spokesman Otto Bader was beaming after the first grade game. "Having both teams on top is great for Soccer in this area," Bader said.

"The enthusiasm here recently has been fantastic and the boys have their hearts set on winning the championship.

"We have a very strong squad and if we can avoid serious injuries in the next few weeks teams are going to have to struggle to get us off the top."

The club's success is due to a more committed approach from players and the arrival of new coach Barney King.

Although battling a hamstring injury recently, the talented striker has been able to drive his team on from the sideline.

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South Coast Croatia officials have made it clear their representative striker Joe Coelho won't be leaving the club.

While admitting the club have had problems with Coelho recently, secretary Ivan Spanicek says Coelho wants to stay at McLennan Park.

"There have been problems but Joe assures us they are personal and nothing to do with Soccer," Spanicek said.

Coach Neil Williams left Coelho out of the side completely against Figtree and they won 3-1, but the following day he was on the bench and went on early as a replacement.

Croatia have also suffered through having winger Marko Sola sidelined with a thigh injury for seven weeks.

If he can regain his fitness and Coelho gets his mind back on the job of scoring goals, Croatia will be the form team in the latter stages of the season.

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After many trials and tribulations, Garry Singleton has resigned as coach of Premier League club Mittagong.

Singleton took on the job this year despite the fact he had to drive from Corrimal over the mountain to Mittagong for training and games.

The team has battled from the start after winning promotion last year, and Singleton was angry that players wouldn't train.

"We had started to pick up a few points and the enthusiasm improved on match days but players just didn't seem interested in training," Singleton said.

"That was no go for me because I was putting in the effort to travel all that way."

Former Marconi midfielder Ricki Budini has taken over as player-coach to the end of the season, but Mittagong already look doomed to take the big drop.

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Feature Premier League match this Saturday will be Croatia and Cringila at Crehan Park.

It should be an action-packed affair with so much at stake.

The other Saturday games are (home team first): Tarrawanna v Figtree, Shellharbour v Fernhill, Unanderra v Warilla Wanderers, Helensburgh v Port Kembla and Bulli v Mittagong.

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South Coast Croatia fullback Nick Greathead makes a painful landing in a recent game against Bulli, with Bulli's Jim Hobbs more interested in where the ball has gone. PIC — Courtesy of ILLAWARRA MERCURY.

Makeshift Canberra

GRAHAM COOKE

AFTER a week in which it was never certain it would take the field, the New South Wales League's Crisis Club, Canberra City, went down 2-1 to Canterbury at Hawker Oval on Saturday.

Fielding a makeshift side which included verteran striker Ian Murray and schoolboy Con Alexandrakis, City did enough to get a draw and deserved the cheer it got from the small crowd at the end - but five bad minutes were

James and Michael Tambakis.

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ROTHMANS League leader Adelaide Croatia youngster Tony Radic was drafted into the side last week with the suspension of captain coach Zoran Maricic and played like a veteran.

So well did he and fellow teenager Ivica Jurkovic perform, Maricic now has the enviable position of whom to leave out of his line-up in the title challenge.

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ADELAIDE HELLAS coach Alby Kidd is delighted with the strength of his squad at Hindmarsh.

He now has the ideal of players fighting for places by performance and he also can adopt a 'horses for courses' policy with different players drafted in for different situations.

Coach Kidd also had time last week to praise the opposition keeper, Robbie Parks.

The former Apia Leichhardt man, who now players with Campbelltown, was beaten four times but Kidd said: "Along with out own Davie Miller he must be the best in the League. He was brilliant. The final score of 4-2 flattered Campbelltown. If it has not been for Parks we would have scored at least seven."

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SA Rothmans League challenger Polonia has brought in its third import from Poland.

He is 30-year-old striker Edward Lonka from Second Division club Polonia Bytom.

He joins Pawel Wieczorek and Mariusz Niewiadomski at Polonia Park.

Niewiadomski is leading the scoring charts in SA but is troubled at present by a hamstring strain, which is keeping him on the sidelines.

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TALKING of imports, Adelaide Hellas duo Raymond Blair and Martin Doak did not make themselves so popular with their fellow Scots in the community of Adelaide.

Blair, who formerly played with East Fife, suggested Adelaide Hellas could more than hold its own in the Scottish First Division.

The range of derogatory replies to that were both widespread and colorful.

One other experienced Scot, who returned earlier this year from the home of his birth, said: "The standard must have dropped considerably in the past three months."

Niewiadomski returning.

Every point is valuable for bottom side Beograd. It might expect at least one against unpredictable Campbelltown especially through the attacking pace of Darren Moss and Barry Crook.

Para Hills slipped back into trouble with a 5-1 thrashing by Hellas and needs the points as it travels for the derby clash with Salisbury.

Its greater desire may seperate the sides.

Hellas with eight goals in two games is burning after Croatia in its chase for the championship.

It should have too much firepowere for Lion.

Birkalla's form has shaded and it has slipped in the title race.

It faces local rival Cumberland in another derby and the Foxes have promised their fans two points this week after losing to Modbury on Saturday.

Croatia 25, Hellas 21, Birkalla 20, Salisbury 17, Polonia 16, Campbelltown 16, Lion 14, Para 14, Cumberland 13, Adelaide City 13, Modbury 13, Beograd 10.

• THE class 'FULL' signs have gone up for next month's Vacation Soccer Schools in Adelaide.

Coaching co-ordinator Alby Kidd will have his Adelaide Hellas stars Davie Miller and Martin Doak as guest coaches for the school, which has attracted 80 boys aged from 8-16.

Danish import Jesper Sorensen will be a guest

The late, late show

It was time added on that caused matches to be won and lost as the season entered a very delicate stage in the NSW State League.

John McKie sank Melita's hopes of keeping Blacktown City at an arms length by scoring in injury time for Uruguay at Melita Stadium.

Blacktown City scored a controversial last minute goal against Polonia that had the crowd buzzing.

Ralph Maier's fierce drive hit the underside of the crossbar and landed behind the goal line, according to a well positioned linesman.

"Rubbish" yelled Polonia's supporters as they besieged the linesman on the far side.

Alas, a last minute goal at Melita Stadium and likewise at the Gabbie saw the Demons cut the arrears to two points with one game in hand.

goal which lifted his tally to 19 for the season and two goals away from his nearest challenger Greg Brown who was also amongst the scorers in this round.

Newcastle Austral appeared to have scored a legitimate goal in the last minute at Seymour Shaw Park but an offside saw Sutherland triumph thanks to a superb goal by Michael Lardis.

Ku-ring-gai and Rockdale Ilinden battled to take one point apiece with Ilinden happy to keep its record intact - they are yet to be beaten by the side from the Northern Suburbs.

Two goals by Zlatko Arambasic, the new young Socceroo sensa-

McKie evens the score

John McKie, an ex-Melita Eagles player, returned to Melita Stadium to score an equaliser in the dying seconds as Penrith Uruguay stole one point from the leaders in a 1-1 draw last Sunday.

It was a shock for the Eagles who appeared to be cruising to a narrow but deserved victory.

Uruguay had the first opening at the 14 minute mark after John Bradley broke through to send a perfectly weighted cross for Adam Sandy who headed straight at McPherson.

An Andrew Callanan through ball saw Greg Brown inside the area, but his shot was parried by the keeper to the feet of Farrugia. Melita's captain fired from close range, alas Scott O'Donnell was on the spot to block the shot.

Brown made amends in the 20th as he latched on to a Farrugia pass to push the ball under Bar-

bar from close range.

Benitez shot wide then Batten intercepted Williams' pass to race forward soon after but to no avail as the Melita defence scrambled the ball to safety.

Brown could have scored again in the 55th after receiving a superb through ball from Farrugia but went wide then shot past the post. Minutes later Hoare was at the feet of Brown to save his net.

However Hoare was beaten in the 74th minute by Gimenez only to see a defender clear the ball off the line.

As Uruguay came forward in search of that equaliser Brown saw his shot blocked by the keeper once again to deny the quick counter

foul on Bradley.

McKie was most vocal in his protest and was given a caution for his trouble.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Rodriguez(Cabassi), Meerbani, Williams, Robertson, Callanan, Vial, Farrugia, Farnsworth (Cerro), Gimenez, Brown.

URUGUAY PENRITH: Hoare, Foladosa, O'Donnell, Martin Bourke (Smith 74), Gonzales, Mathew Bourke, Batten (Genc 62), Sandy, Benitez, McKie.

the league ladder hot up

We are fast approaching the business end of the campaign, having moved past the halfway mark.

Athena were able to move a little further ahead despite dropping two points in their draw.

That little extra leeway came about because Sorrento suffered their second loss of the season against Spearwood Dalmatinac.

Dalmatinac travelled from down south to the furthest club north to grab three valuable points in a 4-1 win.

For Dalmatinac it was vital to do nothing less than win.

It moved them from the danger of relegation to be only two games away from a place in the four, such is the tightness of the competition this year.

Macedonia held on to fourth spot with a 2-1 victory over Kingsway Olympic.

It was a match that could have gone either way, and Macedonia were far from impressive in their success.

Still three points is three points and gives them some breathing space to look at their problems.

Perth Italia looked anything but championship material as they struggled to a goalless draw against Bayswater Inter who themselves looked only a shadow of the brilliant side of the week before.

But as Italia coach David Harrison observed "It may not be three

points, but there were definite signs of a new Italia emerging — we'll be there."

If there is one team all clubs have to wary of it is Croatia.

This new Croatia is not longer the easy-beats. Infact it will surprise no one if they make the top four and go much further.

Worden

In a year in which coaches are at risk, Floreat Athena's Ken Worden and Stirling Macedonia's Ray Ilott stand out like sore thumbs.

Four coaches who started the 1988 season remain in position.

They are Worden, Ilott, Jimmy Dunne of Bayswater Inter and Sorrento's Gordon Ferguson.

Dunne was with Bayswater last year coming midway through the season.

It is unlikely at this stage that any of the four will lose their positions — there would be little point in such action.

The die has been cast, the transfer deadline is past and changes at the top are unlikely to produce much in the way of improvement.

Ilott guided Macedonia to an impressive premiership last year and missed out on the double by losing to Athena in the final of the knockout cup.

Leaving Australia for Britain shortly after, he returned to Australia and WA where he took over Athena for the 1987 season.

He had immediate success in guiding that club to the grand-final of the night competition only to lose the title to Bayswater on a shoot-out after the game ended in a 1-1 draw after extra-time.

Athena also fell short in the chase for the title finishing third, a creditable effort in his first attempt.

He made up for that slip with an exciting 3-2 victory over league champions Macedonia in the

semi-finals of the Cup.

In the almost tne years he has been at the helm, Worden has manufactured a record of 144 games played for 107 wins, 20 draws and only 17 losses.

His ambition? Well there are not many left, but he would like to ahve a go at the top with a National League side.

Who knows if WA are allowed in he might be the man to lead the local side, unless offers come from elsewhere.

When Worden left Perth in the 70's he moved to Tasmania to play and coach.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION			
Blacktown v Polonia		1-0	1-0
SSC Yugal v Warringah		1-2	1-2
Ku-ring-gai v Rockdale		1-1	1-1
Wollongong v Inter Monaro		1-6	2-3
Sutherland v Newcastle		1-0	1-0
Melita Eagles v Penrith		1-1	2-0
Canberra v Canterbury		1-2	0-6
STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION			
Avala v Granville Chile	6-0	2-1	2-1
Gladesville v Bathurst '75	1-1	3-0	0-0
Blacktown Utd v Fairy Meadow	0-4	2-1	4-1
Uni of NSW v Campbelltown City	4-1	1-2	1-4
Sydney Macedonia v Kingsford	2-2	4-0	2-3
Maroubra Q/park v Manly Warringah	1-1	3-2	PP
North Sydney v Bankstown	1-4	0-4	1-4
STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION			
Southern Dist v Dulwich Hill		1-2	0-2
Moorebank v Port Hacking		2-0	1-0
Cant & Dist v Orange Waratah		1-2	1-1
Mt Druitt v King Tomislav		3-0	3-0
Baulkham Hills v Rooty Hill W'utd		1-0	0-1
Bondi Marine v Concordia		0-1	3-4
INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION			
Hawkesbury v Rosebury		1-0	0-5
Nineveh Eagles v Pagewood		0-0	3-2
Spanish Club v Sydney Uni		2-2	0-4
Chelsea v Padstow Park		1-2	4-0
North Ryde RSL v Eastwood		1-2	1-2
INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION			
Macquarie Uni v Liverpool City		5-1	5-0
CSI Schofield v Blacktown Wands		2-4	0-1
Chile Sports v Concord Juniors		1-2	0-2
Haberfield v Cyprus United		1-2	0-7
Haberfield v Liverpool		1-2	0-5
Wenty Waratah v Trasandinos		0-2	0-6
Greenisland v Fairfield Kiev		4-0	4-0
INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION			
Alexander v Murray Farm		3-4	0-2
Abruzzi v Petersham		1-2	4-0
Lithgow Workmen v Castle Hill		0-0	1-2
Hellas v Arncliffe		0-1	0-4
SSC Zagreb v Mt Pritchard		6-0	0-0
Lithgow v SSC Zagreb		0-1	1-1
Prospect Utd v Colo Colo		0-1	0-4
INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION			
SPQ Noantri v Ashour Star			

National Youth League

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

Saints Stun Croatia

ST George, with a brilliant revival upset leaders Croatia 4-2 after the League leaders had led 2-0. Olympic slipped up meanwhile in their chase when Marconi held them to a 1-1 draw.

St George 4
Croatia 2

Sydney Croatia once again squandered a magnificent opportunity to wrap up the championship when they led 2-0 against their nearest challengers St George last Sunday, only to see both points slip from their grasp.

Croatia looked set when Tony Krslovic and Tony Kardum gave the leaders a 2-0 lead but Matthew Bingley pulled one back for St George, before Croatia received a dramatic set back.

Mark Bosnich their star keeper was sent off for allegedly punching an opponent.

Croatia placed Kalac in goal but the reserve keeper could do little to thwart the dangerous Saints attackers.

Zoran Ilic twice from the spot and Steve Dimoudis scored for the home side giving St George the two valuable points.

St George: Filan, Kotevski, Morakeas, Choi, Naumovski, Giezekamp, Kakakios, Aranyi (Warren), Ilic, Dimoudis, Bingley.

Croatia: Bosnich, Milnac, Ciantar, Krkovski, Milicevic, Fitzharris, Stanton, Brockbank, Kardum, Ciscato, Krslovic. Kalas came on.

Marconi 1
Olympic 1

Sydney Olympic's challenge for the title all but vanished last Sunday at Marconi Stadium as they were held to a 1-1 draw.

Olympic had slightly the better of the play in the first period, and went ahead in the 15th minute through their leading scorer Jason Bennett, who found the net after good work down the right flank.

In what was a mediocre second half Marconi grabbed the all important equaliser when Vince Colagiuri was fouled in the area and Klaus Okon converted the spot kick.

The draw puts Marconi into clear fourth place a point ahead of Adamstown and leaves Olympic in limbo in third place.

Marconi: Bowles, Charlewood (Aglasotis), Cortes, P. Okon, Gomez, Mason, Budini (Vanegas), Lovan, Colagiuri, K. Okon, Carluccio.

Olympic: Meier, Triantafilou, Georgakis, Plataniotis, Scott, Hrist, Lardis (Sharpley), Koch, Sorras (Oldridge), Bennett, Refenes.

Wollongong 2
Apia 2

A spirited Apia fought back with a late Terry Greedy penalty to snatch a point from Wollongong despite ending the match with only nine men.

Apia needed both points to stay in touch with the top four and were lucky to survive, coming from behind twice and equalising with only seven minutes left.

Wollongong began brightly when Mineo Bonetig pinched a poor back pass and drove home along the ground from 25 metres in the 16th minute.

Apia were swift to reply when two minutes later Tony Pisano chased a long bouncing ball and flicked it home over the advancing keeper Atsas.

Apia lost Kazan Hadden in the 60th minute for dissent and Tony Ancora, for a second yellow card in the 78th and looked washed up when Bonetig drew the defence and the keeper before backheeling for Jeff Allport to score in the 81st minute.

Apia found fortune in Brian Blake who was pulled down in the box by Trajcevski in the 83rd minute, and Greedy slammed the ball home from the spot.

Wollongong: Atsas, Vliestra, Trajcevski, Allport, Stumbles, Marjanovic, McEvoy, Martinoski, Bonetig, D'amico (Baggott), Ward (Paul Morgan).

Apia: Mikuletic, Ancora, Pisano, Cosentino (Hadden), Palapanis, Karavatakis, Deveridge, Blake, Greedy, Xenos, Stoddart.

Takis sees daylight

OAKLEIGH coach Tasis Suingos was very satisfied with his team's defeat of Polonia.

The 1-0 result was achieved because has Svingos put it, "I told the boys that we can only improve from the position we've in (last), so we are going to play an attacking brand of Soccer, and hopefully everything will work out."

Injuries have depleted the Oakleigh team, although the inclusion of Danny Ward was a big boost.

Ward, who had been sidelined for a long period played a great game for his side.

But ironically, it was youngster Peter Zagoudis, who blasted Oakleigh into the lead with a fierce shot after 20 minutes.

This seemed to stir Polonia into action and they began to really pile on the pressure.

They were frustrated by bad luck and poor finishing as chances went begging.

The last ten minutes saw Oakleigh finish off strongly and they showed that they are much better than their lowly position on the ladder.

OAKLEIGH: Kardamitis, Kapardinas, Nicolaids, Henderson, Kruzmacher, Wad (Gosiz 80'), Livingstone, Ross, Halford, Murphy, Zagoudis (Hladiris).

POLONIA: Kostrzewa, Lipiarski, Innes, Stojcevski,

Giant killers!

GIANT-killers Western Suburbs continued to defy the odds when they downed high-flying Northcote 1-0.

Former Sydney State League coach Kaz Kulak who took over the job at Suburbs last week, has now seen his side win their last two games impressively.

He could only have been heartened by his team's new found endeavour and spirit which seemed to take Northcote by surprise.

The home side was in control for much of the first half and deserved to go ahead in the 28th minute through Manuel Kopsafitis.

Northcote 'keeper Mark Turudia failed to hold a shot from Darren Tuck and Kopsafitis was on hand for the easy put away.

The visitors rallied and pressured Suburbs with some determined running especially from their midfielders.

But the Wests defence, which has conceded the most goals in the competition thus far stood firm.

Northcote were desperately unlucky when John Constantinou hit the upright with a header in the second half, but overall it was Wests who appeared the more determined and who earned the two points in this Greek derby.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris, Koundouris, Hamill, Pander, Esposito, Williams, Kopsafitis, Dimouski, Tuck, Metaxas, Daley.

NORTHCOTE: Turudia, Leonardos, N. Constantinou, Palmariccotti, Kouremenos, Woodall, Thodis, Ramos, Gilder, Manou, J. Constantimou (Gangas) (Giannopoulos) (P. Constantindou 70).

Falcons flying back

AFTER last week's indifferent display against bottom side Western Suburbs, Morwell Falcons bounced back with an impressive 2-0 win against Bulleen.

In fact Morwell could have been two goals up after just four minutes.

Striker John Sokoluk missed a clear heading chance and Ian Stirton blasted wide from a good position.

Sokoluk made amends however, and punished Bulleen with a well-taken header in the 24th minute, from a perfect Kenny Drakeford cross.

The visitors were stung into action and desperate tried to get back into the game.

Unfortunately there was no way through the tight Morwell defence.

Only ex-Footscray JUST star Zdravko Lujic was able to trouble the home team whenever he found the space but his good work was not matched by his team-mates.

Tragedy struck again for Bulleen as Sokoluk repeat the dose, heading home a low cross from Jeff Doyle, just six minutes from time.

Bubby McLachlan's team performed admirably and still have a fiar chance of finishing in the

St Albans

BY CARLO del PORTO

TOP side Heidelberg struggled all day and were lucky to gain a point from their scoreless encounter with St Albans.

Indeed St Albans were easily the more impressive outfit when one considers they were without two star performers, Branko Culina and Eddie Kuszman, who are both off on a European tour.

The game was tough and unrelenting from the start and it was Heidelberg who found it hard to get into any sort of rythmn.

This was due mainly to St Alban's tactic of playing a disciplined man-to-man defence.

Usually dangerous strikers Dennis Morovic and John Anastasiadis were blotted out of the game by their markers.

The only occasion the ball went into the net occurred after just five minutes but Vladmir Kupresak was ruled to have been in an off-side position when his shot found the goal.

Chances were few and far between even if the home team dominated for long periods.

St Albans coach Tony Vrzina was a happy man

Caulfie

Croydon were crushed 3-0 at home by a rejuvenated Caulfield City.

The win enabled Caulfield to climb to fourth spot and helped wipe out last week's humiliating drubbing at the hands of Thomastown.

For coach Miron Bleiberg the result proved beyond conclusion that his team will have to change its style of play if they are to remain a completive outfit this year.

The game panned out as a predictable counter attacking ploy from the visitors who absorbed much pressure especially in the 1st half hour.

Angie Goutzoulis made a darting run, through the Croydon defence before rounding the

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES
ROUND 18

Sun July 10: Adamstown v Wollongong at Brandon Park 12.15pm
Croatia v Apia at Croatian Sports Centre 12.15pm
St George v Marconi at St George Stadium 12.15pm

ST GEORGE 4 (Illic 2, Bingley, Dimoudis) CROATIA 2 (Krslovic, Kardum), MARCONI 1 (K. Okon) OLYMPIC 1 (Bennett), WOLLONGONG 2 (Bonetig, Allport) APIA 2 (Pisano, Greedy).

Croatia	20	13	3	4	36	21	29
St George	19	11	2	6	43	28	24
Olympic	19	10	3	6	35	21	23
Marconi	19	5	7	7	33	35	17
Adamstown	18	7	2	9	25	33	16
Apia	18	4	5	9	23	36	13
Wollongong	19	4	2	13	24	45	10

LEADING SCORERS:

16 Tony Krslovic CROATIA
12 Peter Murray ADAMSTOWN
11 Jason Bennett OLYMPIC
8 Matthew Bingley ST GEORGE
8 Klaus Okon MARCONI
7 John Koch OLYMPIC
7 Tony Kardum CROATIA

Steve Tasios overcame adversity

BY GREG BLAKE

YOU would be forgiven for thinking 1988 is the first year Steve Tasios has stepped out in the famous blue strip of South Melbourne Hellas.

Such has been the fall and rise of the previously injury-plagued young Hellas star in recent times. 20 year-old Tasios has actually been at Middle Park for two years, since the start of 1986 to be exact.

That he's only managed a comparative handful of games in that time is in no way a reflection of his ability - his 1988 season has proved that beyond doubt.

Indeed 1988 has seen his critics scurry quickly back to their dark little corners to start resharpening the knives for someone else.

Tasios is no longer their target and he's done that the best way possible by playing the best football he knows how to.

At his best the South Melbourne midfielder is brash, fast and exciting, which is in complete contrast to the man off the field, whose initial reaction to me was: "I don't really like doing interviews.

"I usually try to keep away from reporters," he says without a hint of false modesty. "I like to do my talking on the field."

I doubt Tasios would admit it, but this season he has not only talked on the field, he has virtually yelled a message to anyone with earshot, with his searing displays in the Hellas engine room.

The message is that Tasios is back in town.

"Everyone's got their critics and I try not to think about them," he told ASW.

"I was written off by a lot of people when I left Heidelberg and even more people have written me off since by saying I was injury prone.

"At the end of the day it is pleasing to know that somehow you can show the critics you are capable of doing something."

Even Tasios does concede that the injury prone tag wasn't all together unjustified.

The former Hellas junior, who switched to Malvern City and back to the club before joining Heidelberg in 1984, hasn't had much luck in that department in recent times.

After an impressive start in the NSL under Brian Garvey at Heidelberg in 1984, Tasios looked set for an auspicious career.

In his first senior game at just 16 years of age he set up Heidelberg's winner for Mike Valentine against Footscray JUST.

At 18 he was coaxed by John Margaritis to join South Melbourne Hellas and that was when the problems started in earnest, although he hardly regrets the move despite the troubles.

"It was in my own interests to go to Hellas," he told me.

It was a great opportunity - I mean lots of players would die for the chance to play for a club like Hellas.

"The only disappointment has been that I've missed about one and a half years of soccer since joining the club."

Missed out

His first season at Middle Park lasted until May, when he damaged a cartilage in his knee and subsequently missed the remainder of the league season.

In November he commenced his come-back in Melbourne's 'Mini World Cup' competition, only to break down again with the same problem which meant the 1987 pre-season was a write-off.

Tasios returned in the youth team but swelling of the joint dictated that it wouldn't be until very late in 1987 that we'd see him make some fleeting appearances in the senior team.

He felt very much the forgotten man - and it spurred him to 'go for it' in 1988 with a vengeance.

"Sometimes I felt pretty down but guys like Bobby (Russell) and Paul (Wade) gave me great help and support in getting over the injuries," he explained.

"I had a full pre-season this year and I'm pretty happy with the season so far - I've got to pay some people back for the faith they had in me."

"I've set myself the goal of just being as consistent as I can in every game I play."

It is partly due this Tasios consistency (although some might describe it as explosive, match-winning ability) that the club has bounded to the top of the table.

Tasios is a man with a mission - and often they can be a difficult breed to stop.

He is driven by the two things he recalls as his worst moments in the game.

The injuries and those who doubted him and the loss of the 1984 grand final when his Heidelberg went down 4-2 to South Melbourne after leading at half time.

"There was 17,000 people at Olympic Park that day and the atmosphere and excitment was unbelieveable," he says.

"It has made me hungry for more of the same only this time I want to win it.

"And hopefully there's a good chance of that happening."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

That was the start of an impressive record from the bench.

In 1979 he had 17 matches in League and Cup winning 12, drawing two while losing three and tasting his first success by winning the cup.

In 1981 with Tasmania Juventus, he finished at the top of he league ladder losing the title by .2 on the goal averages.

But he made amends by winning the Floodlight Cup.

1982 was a vintage season having moved to Queensland to become fulltime player-manager and coach of Townsville Kern United.

There he produced the double winning the league with a 12 win, one drew five loss record and followed it up by winning the State League of Queensland Cup.

In 1983 he added three titles to his achievements

LEAGUE LADDER

Athena	7	2	3	41	21	23
Sorrento	6	2	4	17	22	20
Bayswater	5	4	3	20	24	19
Macedonia	6	0	6	21	22	18
Italia	4	5	3	20	21	16
Olympic	4	1	7	19	18	13
Croatia	4	1	7	23	28	13
Dalmatinac	3	3	6	18	23	12

Taskovski rebuilds Q'beyan Macedonia

From GRAHAM COOKE

FOUR years ago Queanbeyan Macedonia, bedevilled by poor administration and in strife with the ACT League, dropped out of the competition. Few expected to hear from it again.

Today a revitalised Macedonia is pushing to regain its old first-division place and, judging by the excellent start it has made to its second division campaign, it will take a good team to stop it.

One of the principle figures behind the Macedonian renaissance is long-serving player and administrator Steve Taskovski.

"It was a sad day when the team dropped out of the league, and I decided then to resume my service with the club and work for its revival," he said.

Today Taskovski divides his time between club and league administration, work as a Queanbeyan City alderman and, despite the fact he is the wrong side of 40, playing in goal.

"In fact, I am now playing for both the first team and reserves," he said. "I thought we had a good young replacement in Victor Gouzvaris but he has gone overseas on holiday."

The club was founded a quarter of a century ago and has its roots deep in the Macedonian community — "for some reason 90 per cent of the Macedonians in the Canberra district live in Queanbeyan."

It played socially at first, joining the ACT League in the late 1960s.

In 1970 it missed the first division title by a point but went into decline shortly afterwards when Inter Monaro joined the NSW League, taking some of Macedonia's best players with it.

It bounced back in 1978, winning the second division without dropping a point and then joining the newly-formed Southern League.

The collapse of that competition in the early 1980s was a bad blow to morale. The club rejoined the ACT competition but a decline on and off the field led to it folding altogether at the end of the 1984 season.

Now the remodelled Macedonia is back, finishing third in the second division last year — a performance which Taskovski sees as an ideal springboard for a championship challenge.

He delights in remembering some of the names from Queanbeyan's past — among them goalkeepers Laurie Palic and Jim Todorovski, defender Milan Josifoski, now with Canberra United, and skillful striker George Balkanov.

It is with the current team he is most concerned. "Unfortunately, we are losing another of our most talented players, Ivo Felizzi, who is going overseas but we still have a strong line-up including the Trajanoski brothers, Vic and Steve and Lupco Cirevski, an excellent utility player.

ACT

Steve Taskovski — rebuilt club

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VIC. COLOSSUS STATE LEAGUE

RESERVOIR GRASSHOPPERS v CORIO CATS 8-3

Corio Cats surprised Grasshoppers by taking an early lead, but a goal by John Metaxas had his team back on lvel terms. Grasshoppers went 2-1 up thanks to a screamer from the centre line by Fortunato Carvalho.

A quick break saw Josip Marinovic equalize for the Cats, but a deflection from Pedro de Melo regained the lead for Grasshoppers.

The second half was all Grasshoppers. Metaxas broke away from his markers to score four more goals and Marinovic scored for the Cats to give him a hat-trick.

THOMASTOWN CRUSHERS v KNOX LOTTO 7-2

In a scrappy game the Thomastown Crushers showed their experience by easily beating Knox Lotto. To their credit, Knox went ahead with some lovely play but the crushers fought back to 2-2.

Knox was blitzed in the second half with no less than four of the crushers players scoring.

Ivan Fujto caused all sorts of problems for the Knox defence while Ernie Boin and Steve Backett pushed through from defence to give added depth to the Crushers attack.

BAYSWATER CINZANO v GEELONG STRIKERS 2-9

Geelong strikers overpowered Bayswater Cinzano in a display of strength and speed. A goal to Robbie Noggler from the centre completely demoralized Bayswater and he followed this up with a further five goals for the match.

George Dimovski played well for the strikers creating numerous chances for his team mates, while Steven McAuliffe had a top game chipping in with two goals.

Bayswater struggled against this well disciplined Geelong side and never looked like getting into the game.

RESERVOIR GRASSHOPPERS 8 (Metaxas 5, F. Carvalho 2, P. de Melo) CARIO CATS 3 (Marinovic 3).

THOMASTOWN CRUSHERS 7 (I. Fujto, Boin, Hackett 2, Z. Fujto) KNOX LOTTO 2 (Mamic, Vidic).

GEELONG STRIKERS 9 (Noggler 6, McAuliffe 2, Clair) BAYSWATER CINZANO 2 (Jameson, Diaz).

Reservoir G'hoppers	4	4	0	0	20	11	12
Geelong Strikers	4	3	0	1	24	8	10
Thomastown	4	2	0	2	17	13	8
Corio Cats	4	2	0	2	18	16	8
Bayswater Cinzano	4	1	0	3	21	24	6
Knox Lotto	4	0	0	4	12	40	4

NSW INDOOR STATE LEAGUE

Alkene 36, Parramatta Shields 33, All Blacks 27, Fairfield Dynamos 26, Marios 24, IMB Campbelltown 24, Parramatta Spears 17, IMB Illawarra 11.

Results: All Blacks 2 (Peachey, B. Gilligan) Shields 2 (M. Koussas 2), IMB Campbelltown 14 (H. Martinez 7, J. Vicente 2, R. Barrett 2, H. Silva 3). Spears 1 (B. Dene), Alkene 6 (R. Filipovic 5, Z. Balazic Fairfield Dynamos (Z. Zec).

Brisbane Indoor

TOP of the table Amigos went into this match as firm favourites but did not account for the determination of the Traxx team.

The first half was played at a blistering pace, with the more skillful Amigos Dominating play but being denied on many occasions by strong defence and good goalkeeping.

Traxx were relying on the quick break, but were down 3-1 at half time.

Soon after the resumption Amigos scored again and the game looked over.

However substitute Alan Chalmers had a calming influence and Traxx started to play controlled indoor Soccer.

Sustained pressure saw Traxx score four rapid fire goals from John Kowtan and Tony Burley to make the final score Traxx 5 Amigos 4.

BRISBANE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Amigos	19	17	1	1	54
Celtic	19	14	0	5	47
Traxx	19	13	1	5	46
Southside	19	13	1	5	46
Dogs	19	11	2	6	43
Apple	19	10	2	7	41
Aztecs	19	7	0	12	32
Incas	19	7	0	12	32
*Blacks	19	2	2	15	25
*Dodgers	19	3	1	15	25
*Sonics	19	2	1	16	24
*NEC	19	2	2	15	24

*Relegation playoffs

Hungary announces its World Cup team

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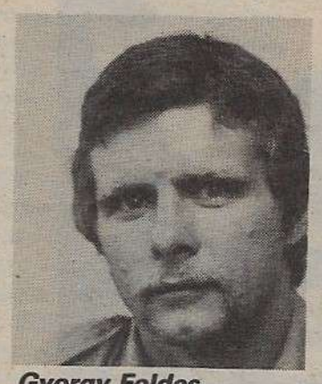
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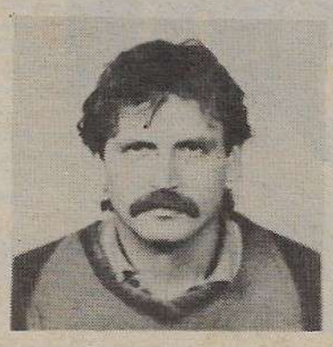
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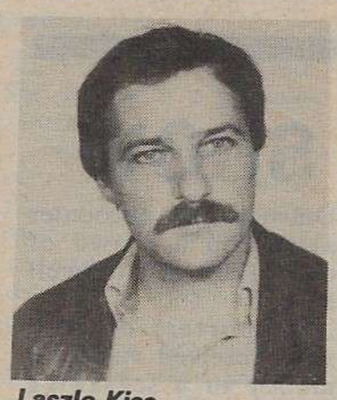
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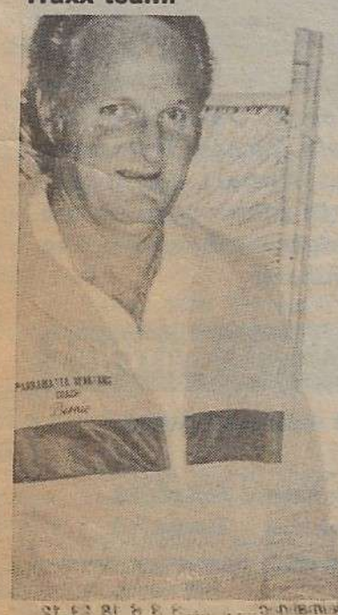

LEFT: Australian international Erkin Osman tries on the shirt of his new club Parramatta Enduro Spartans. FAR RIGHT: This snap was taken during the Indoor Soccer Clinic at Talbingo NSW. Belief it or not. . .national coaching director Nick Nicolopoulos is in the middle of that lot

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NSW SECOND DIVISION

Granville Chile no match

BY MICHAEL DEANE

THE Avala mean machine were in full flight from the word go against Granville Chile and ultimately ran out clear 6-0 winners.

Granville were unable to contain the sleek, fit and very skilful Avala side.

Since having taken over a leaders of the division, Avala are looking to stay at the top.

Avala opened their account in the fourth minute when John Gregson hit a hard cross from the right wing, which found Drago Constantin in a perfect position to blast the ball past the keeper.

Avala kept piling the pressure on Granville and for long periods kept them pinned down in their own half.

Granville had absolutely no answer to this tactic and they hardly ever passed the half-way line.

In Granville's favour it must be said that they attempted to play good football.

However with a number of first grade players carrying serious injuries their replacements found the pace just a little too hot to handle.

The score remained 1-0 till the break.

Chris Ackerley scored Avala's second goal in theforty seventh minute after the well placed Acker ley hammered the ball which bobbed up for him to volley with awesome power.

The Granville keeper could not hold this hot shot.

Ackerley again left his mark in the sixtyth minute after receiving a cross from David Hale, who made an overlapping run from deep in his own half.

He crossed to the big striker, who made space for himself and slammed the ball into the net for Avala's third goal.

The fourth goal was soon forthcoming. In the fifteenth minute of the second half, Hale again ran from a deep position but was tripped just outside the area. The referee awarded a free-kick which Mirko Radosavljevic converted.

Goal number five was scored two minutes later when the same player hammered the ball home from close range.

The sixth and final goal in the humiliating rout was scored by Milan Dlasojevic after he followed in his own corner which Ackerley rose high to nod back into his path and the ball rocketed into the net.

Granville Chile were now completely demoralised and had no answer to the marauding Avala.

Avala coach Mike Urakalo must take credit for turning out a superbly fit team, and his policy of working with his youth team players is paying dividends.

Avala secretary-manager Jack Cerjanic is determined to retain Urakalo's services for next season.

Avala are in the process of building a new stadium at Bonnyrigg, and will also be negotiating to have access to the first class Serbian club located nearby.

DAVID HALE (Avala) in classic passing stance. — Photo: Neil Hummel.

PENSIVE Avala coach Mike Urukalo savours the 6-0 win over Fairy Meadow, as wife gives him a few pointers.

TASMANIA

Eagles lead state

BY WALTER PLESS

WITH the Cadbury State League season in Tasmania just past the half-way mark, five of the ten teams are still in with a chance of the title.

White Eagles has the best chance as it is six points ahead of second-placed Olympia-WPL with eight matches remaining.

Eagle's credentials will be fully tested in the next couple of weeks, as it meets Hobart Juventus, the third-placed team, and Olympia-WPL in its next two matches.

Hobart Juventus and Olympia-WPL are Eagle's main challengers, while Launceston Juventus and Devonport City have an outside chance of taking out the championship.

Eagle has been the most consistent team this season, winning all of its away-matches and dropping only four points from a possible 33 points in 11 outings.

The form of most other teams has been erratic, with results very difficult to predict.

George Town United and Hobart Juventus provide perfect examples.

George Town recently won two games away in Hobart on successive weekends with 3-0 and 6-5 scorelines, then suffered a 5-1 hiding at home from Launceston Juventus.

Hobart Juventus won 5-1 away to Devonport City one Sunday, then was humiliated 6-2 at home by Olympia-WPL the next.

The 55 matches to date have resulted in 241 goals, an average of 4.38 per match.

The bottom five teams are also-runs and, with no relegation this season, they would be better off planning for next season now.

Caledonians' struggle to avoid the wooden spoon is an intriguing one, nevertheless.

It is the only side to have changed coaches during the current season — Jerry Marron taking over from Alistair Hales — and its fine 2-0 away-win at Ulverstone last week, achieved without a couple of its stars, kept it in touch with Ulverstone and Croatia-Glenorchy.

Croatia has been one of the big disappointments this year, leading the league for several weeks early on before slumping dismally.

Cadbury State League Standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
White Eagles	11	9	1	1	28	14	28
Olympia-WPL	11	7	1	3	33	21	22
Hobart Juventus	11	6	2	3	37	23	20
Launceston Juve	11	6	1	4	29	23	19
Devonport City	11	5	2	4	19	23	17
Launceston Matric	11	3	3	5	22	24	12
George Town United	11	3	3	5	25	28	12
Croatia-Glenorchy	11	3	2	6	18	23	1
Ulverstone	11	3	0	8	13	29	
Caledonians	11	2	1	8	17	33	

Leading Goalscorers: 15 S. Pace (Hobart Juventus); 12 C. Guest (Launceston Juventus); 10 P. Sawdon (George Town United); 9 M. Goldsmith (Olympia-WPL); 8 A. Howe (Ulverstone), P. Sherman (Olympia-WPL); 7 R. Leszczynski (White Eagle).

OLYMPIA-WPL's player-coach, David Crosse (foreground), and team mate Michael Goldsmi complete for the ball as Hobart Juventu Romeo Fabrizio and Nick Di Martino await t outcome — (Photo by Leigh Winburn of 'T Mercury', Hobart).

3RD DIVISION

Baulkham Hills' brave show

BY WES SAWINA

AN enterprising opening 45 minutes, an ounce of lucky and resolute defence were enough for Baulkham Hills to edge out a disappointing Rooty Hill West 1-0 at Ted Horwood Reserve.

The homeside settled quickly into their rhythm and took the lead after only ten minutes. Neil Jones skillfully juggled a harmless looking cross over a static defence before slamming home from twelve metres.

'Baulko' looked in total control. Jones and Vezos ran riot up front, stretching the Hills defence almost at will. Only poor finishing deprived them of a comfortable halftime lead.

Hills' limited chances fell to McGovern and Cook as a result of sloppy defence rather than creative play, but both shot wide.

Spurred on by man of the match, Vic Juchniewicz, Rooty Hill West struck a purple patch ten minutes after the break.

During this spell Terry Jones forced a great save off Taylor and Pearson blasted wide after Juchniewicz slipped a precision through ball leaving him with only Taylor to beat.

Borko's luck held when, in the 60th minute, Cook's header clearly crossed the line before being cleared with the linesman unsighted.

Taking no chances, the home side put up the shutters by defending with ten men.

Relying on breakaways, they almost increased their lead in the final ten minutes, hitting the post and narrowly missing with two other real opportunities.

Druitt in command

At Popondetta Park, Mount Druitt moved back into second place with a solid 3-0 win over bottom of the table King Tomislav. Although never seriously threatened the homeside, they took a while to asert their authority in a match hampered by too many free kicks.

Sullivan opened the scoring fifteen minutes from halftime with a snap shot inside the box. Shortly after the break Anderson tucked away number two after the referee played advantage for a foul on Campbell.

Five minutes from time Anderson rounded the keeper to post a third when a Chapman through ball had caught the Tomislav defence square.

Sullivan and Everett played strongly for the home side.

Top crowd

The Southern Disticts/Dulwich Hill encounter attracted a crowd of over 1100 at Stanwell Park.

Supporters of both sides received value for money in a seesawing contest played at a cracking pace.

The competition leaders took the lead in the 30th minute and held that advantage till shortly after halftime, when the home side equalised through a clever lob. Bateman restored Dulwich Hills' lead in the 75th minute, tapping in a corner from close range.

Reduced to ten men through a send off, Districts finished strongly only to be denied by Ahrens who had an outstanding match in goal for Dulwich Hill.

Districts' performance minus several key players was excellent, while Muniz and his silky touches provided much of Dulwich Hills' inspiration.

Most appealing matches in this week's Round 16 are the Sunday fixtures are Rooty Hill West United/Mount Druitt at Cawarra and Orange/Baulkham Hills in Orange. On current form Mount Druitt should take the local derby, while homeground advantage will probably be sufficient to give Orange both points.

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COMING WEST END NSL FIXTURES

SUNDAY JULY 10

Apia Leichhardt	v	Preston Make	Lambert Park
Wollongong City	v	Brisbane Lions	Brandon Park

NSW Amateur Soccer Federation

PATRON: The Hon R.B. Rowland Smith MLC, Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing.

Dinner for State 15s

By IAN MARRIOTT

LAST Wednesday night the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation held an Under 15 State team dinner at the prestigious Marconi Club at Bossley Park.

Those present included members of the NSWASF executive, NSW Director of Coaching Alan Vest, National U16 coach Vic Dalgleish, and Peter Gray, representing the NSW Soccer Federation.

All those present passed on their best wishes to the team in their quest for a third title.

Unfortunately one player not present was under 15 striker Jason Golby, who slipped a disc in his back only a week before the tournament.

Jason's bad luck became Mark Babic's good luck, as he was the young Sydney Croatia player who filled the vacancy in the team.

Mark will now have an excellent opportunity to stake his claim for a position in the National U16 team.

Team captain Paul Burke indicated that he felt the team had been well prepared for the tournament, and that he was confident of being able to reclaim the trophy won by last years all conquering under 15's.

PICTURES: TOP LEFT: The NSW Under 15 group and management. TOP RIGHT: NSW captain Paul Bourke has a word to the assembled gathering, on behalf of his team. In pensive mood with hand on chin is Australian U16 coach, Vic Dalgleish.
ABOVE: Bob Bennett, president of Marrickville Soccer Football Club, and representative of NSW Bicentennial Gold Cup host Canterbury and Districts SFA, addresses the audience. In foreground NSW coaching director, Alan Vest.

RUSHY'S CORNER

WHILE the under 15 National Championships are beind held, the under 13's are preparing to go into camp at Valentine Park.

Thirty players are currently trialling and this number will need to be reduced to 16 over the next few weeks.

Clubs and associations represented by the squad include; Marconi, Melita, Nepean, Central Coast, Nth Bankstown, Sydney Olympic, St George, Canterbury Marrickville, Macarthur, Sutherland, Blacktown City, Apia, Croatia and Bankstown.

On Thursday night the squad will witness the big match between the Socceroos and Argentina at the Sydney Football Stadium.

On the subject of the Gold Cup, by the time this column is being read the one and only Pele will have arrived in Australia to help promote the tournament.

Pele, who played for clubs such as Santos and New York Cosmos as well as for his country, Brazil, was recently voted as the greatest athlete of the 20th century.

All juniors will have the opportunity to witness the brilliance of world class players who are all striving to become the next Pele during the Gold Cup series.

This may well be a once in a life time experience and the opportunity should not be missed.

As well as the national teams of Argentina and Brazil and the big spending Saudi Arabians, it could be the last chance to see some of our own Socceroos in action for their country, as it would appear that some may be moving to Europe at the end of the Olympic tournament.

On Saturday afternoon prior to the Socceroos match with Saudi Arabia at the Parramatta Football Stadium, the NSW Under 15 team will do battle with Victoria in what could well be the match which decides the Under 15 titles.

A more than interested spectator at this match will be under 16 National Coach Vic Dalgleish.

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National U15 Results

Saturday July 2
NNSW 0, Queensland 1, ACT 0 Victoria 6, WA 4 North Terr 1, Tas 1 SA 1, NSW bye.

Sunday July 3
WA 2, Victoria 1, North Terr 0, NNSW 2, Tas 0 ACT 3, NSW 3, Queensland 0. SA bye.

TURNER CUP: Rd 4: Carlingford HS 4 b Castle Hill HS 0, Cromer HS 2 b Davidson HS 1, Turrumurra 7 b Crows Nest Boys HS 0. Rd 5: Patrician Bros Fairfield 1 b Benedict College 0, St Dominics 1 b Rooty Hills HS 0, Freeman HS 2 b Belmore Boys HS 0.

Far North Coast Final: Kadina 3 b Ballina 0. **Mid North Coast semi-f:** Eastport 5 b St Clair Taree 0, Orara 3 b John Paul Coffs Harbour 1. **North West Final:** Duval Armidale 4 b Peel Tamworth 2. **Newcastle-Hunter semi-f:** St Peters Maitland 2 b Booragul 0, Glendale 3 b Whitebridge 1. **Newcastle-Hunter (2) semi-f:** Toronto 2 b West Wallsend 1, Merewether 4 b Cardiff 1. **Central Coast final:** Gorokan 2 b Umina 1. **South Coast semi-f:** Smith Hill 1 b Ulladulla 0. **ACT final:** Daramalan 2 b Holder 0. **Riverina semi-f:** Albury North 7 b Wagga 1, Griffiths 8 b Deniliquin 0. **Western NSW semi-f:** Bathurst 4 b Forbes 0, James Sheahan Orange 3 b St Johns Dubbo 0.

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE
ROUND 21
SATURDAY 2ND JULY
DIVISION 1

			U13	U14	U15	U17
Sth Districts	v	Canterbury	2-2	0-1	0-4	0-0
Apia Leichhardt	v	Central Coast	1-0	2-0	def	3-1
Illawarra Assn	v	Cant. M'ville	3-0	1-1	2-0	1-1
Nepean Assn	v	Croatia Sydney	0-2	1-2	def	0-2
Blacktown City	v	Marconi	3-1	0-2	3-0	3-3
Melita Eagles	v	Sutherland	1-1	0-1	1-3	1-0
Sydney Olympic	v	St George	3-0	0-1	4-0	2-2

DIVISION 2

Rockdale	v	Manly Warringah	0-0	1-2	1-0	3-2
Ku-ring-gai	v	Nth Bankstown	2-1	3-2	2-2	0-1
Blacktown Assn	v	Gladesville	0-1	0-0	6-0	1-3
Polonia	v	Uruguay	1-1	1-2	3-0	1-4
Bankstown Assn	v	Avala	2-0	1-0	2-0	0-2
Warringah	v	Campbelltown	4-1	1-2	3-0	2-1
Macarthur Assn	v	Yugal	1-2	3-2	2-1	0-1

ROUND 8
SUNDAY 3RD JULY DIVISION 1

			U11	U12
Manly Warringah	v	Blacktown	1-1	4-2
Ku-ring-gai	v	Bankstown	nil	1-3
Canterbury	v	Illawarra	nil	2-2
Granville	v	Central Coast	nil	3-0
Sthn & Eastern	v	Macarthur	2-1	3-0
St George	v	Nepean	3-1	4-0
Sutherland	v	Sthn Districts	2-2	3-0
Gladesville bye				

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE FINAL TABLES

U13/1

St George	18	14	3	1	40	10	31
Sutherland	19	12	5	2	38	11	29
Melita Eagles	18	10	6	2	19	7	26
Sydney Olympic	17	10	5	2	33	18	25
Blacktown City	17	11	2	4	43	9	24
Marconi	16	10	2	4	31	16	22
Apia Leichhardt	18	9	3	6	30	25	21
Nepean Assn	19	6	3	10	31	44	15
Croatia Sydney	19	4	5	10	22	31	13
Cant. M'ville	19	5	3	11	21	36	13
Canterbury Assn	19	5	3	11	20	43	13
Illawarra Assn	17	3	4	10	16	27	10
Sthn Districts	18	3	1	14	10	48	7
Central Coast	18	1	1	16	12	41	3

U14/1

St George	18	14	4	0	45	10	32
Melita Eagles	18	11	5	2	34	12	27
Apia Leichhardt	18	12	1	5	43	12	25
Croatia Sydney	19	10	3	6	46	35	23
Blacktown City	17	10	3	4	30	12	23
Sydney Olympic	17	10	1	6	36	18	21
Marconi	16	7	2	7	29	21	16
Cant M'ville	19	7	1	11	36	46	15
Illawarra Assn	17	6	2	9	28	32	14
Nepean Assn	19	5	4	10	13	32	14
Sthn Districts	18	5	2	11	14	32	12
Sutherland	19	4	3	12	17	41	11
Central Coast	18	3	5	10	16	54	11
Canterbury Assn	19	2	4	13	16	46	8

U15/1

Croatia Sydney	19	16	2	1	95	9	34
Apia Leichhardt	18	15	2	1	67	8	32
Blacktown City	17	11	3	3	52	14	25
Sydney Olympic	17	11	1	5	64	19	23
Marconi	16	11	1	4	36	10	23
Melita Eagles	18	9	3	6	35	30	21
Nepean Assn	19	9	1	9	31	39	19
St George	18	8	1	9	24	33	17
Sutherland	19	7	2	10	26	38	16
Canterbury Assn	19	6	2	11	18	47	14
Illawarra Assn	17	4	3	10	21	50	11
Central Coast	17	5	0	12	18	58	10
Sth Districts	18	2	1	15	7	63	5
Cant M'ville	18	0	0	18	4	80	0

U17/1

Sydney Olympic	17	13	2	2	71	13	28
Croatia Sydney	19	13	2	4	45	15	28
Blacktown City	17	13	1	3	43	20	27
Apia Leichhardt	18	12	3	3	38	18	27
Canterbury Assn	19	10	4	5	41	30	24
Melita Eagles	18	11	1	6	43	23	23
Marconi	16	11	0	5	51	29	22
Sutherland	19	10	1	8	34	30	21
St George	18	8	3	7	57	18	19
Central Coast	17	4	1	12	16	43	9
Cant M'ville	18	4	1	13	19	72	9
Sthn Districts	18	3	0	15	9	70	6
Illawarra Assn	17	2	0	15	23	75	4
Nepean Assn	19	1	1	17	11	45	3

Combined Point Score

DIV 1

APIA	72	48	9	15	178	63	105
Blacktown C	68	45	9	14	168	55	99
St George	72	44	11	17	166	71	99
Croatia Syd	76	43	12	21	208	90	98
Sydney Oly	68	44	9	15	204	68	97
Melita Eagles	72	41	15	16	131	72	97
Marconi	64	39	5	20	147	76	83
Sutherland	76	33	11	32	115	120	77
Canterbury A	76	23	13	40	95	166	59
Nepean Assn	76	21	9	46	86	160	51
Illawarra Assn	68	15	9	44	88	184	39
Cant M'ville	74	16	5	53	80	234	37
Central Coast	70	13	7	50	52	196	33
Sthn Districts	72	13	4	55	40	213	30

U13/2

Bankstown Assn	17	16	1	0	46	8	33
Gladesville	17	12	3	2	43	19	27
Nth Bankstown	19	11	4	4	42	19	26
Rockdale	18	10	5	3	30	16	25
Manly Warringah	18	9	4	5	26	20	22
Macarthur Assn	18	8	4	6	34	21	20
Uruguay	18	6	6	6	23	23	18
Yugal	17	6	5	6	22	20	17
Blacktown Assn	18	4	7	7	23	22	15
Campbelltown	19	4	3	12	16	35	11
Ku-ring-gai	17	4	1	12	15	27	9
Polonia	18	3	3	12	16	37	9
Warringah	16	3	3	10	18	41	9
Avala	16	0	5	11	12	58	5

U14/2

Nth Bankstown	18	12	4	2	39	13	28
Bankstown Assn	17	10	6	1	25	12	26
Ku-ring-gai	17	8	7	2	35	13	23
Rockdale	18	9	5	4	38	23	23
Warringah	16	9	4	3	25	11	22
Manly Warringah	18	8	5	5	34	15	21
Polonia	18	8	4	6	31	19	20
Gladesville	16	7	5	4	27	18	19
Campbelltown	19	5	5	9	24	26	15
Yugal	17	5	3	9	15	28	13
Blacktown Assn	18	4	3	11	13	30	11
Uruguay	18	3	4	11	21	52	10
Macarthur Assn	18	2	6	10	11	34	10
Avala	16	0	3	13	12	56	3

U15/2

Macarthur Assn	18	12	4	2	34	4	28
Blacktown Assn	18	13	1	4	48	14	27
Polonia	18	11	5	2	33	14	27
Ku-ring-gai	17	11	2	4	45	17	24
Nth Bankstown	19	11	1	7	48	25	23
Warringah	16	8	4	4	30	16	20
Rockdale	18	8	4	6	23	22	20
Avala	16	6	6	4	28	26	18
Uruguay	18	7	2	9	26	33	16
Gladesville	17	4	3	10	14	28	11
Bankstown Assn	17	4	3	10	13	27	11
Manly Warringah	18	1	6	11	11	29	8
Yugal	17	3	1	13	14	66	7
Campbelltown	19	1	4	14	11	57	6

U17/2

Uruguay	18	14	1	3	51	13	29
Avala	16	11	4	1	49	20	26
Rockdale	18	7	9	2	38	22	23
Ku-ring-gai	17	8	6	3	33	17	22
Bankstown Assn	17	9	4	4	36	30	22
Manly Warringah	18	8	5	5	29	19	21
Macarthur Assn	18	7	4	7	33	38	18
Gladesville	16	5	4	7	37	40	14
Polonia	18	4	6	8	27	39	14
Campbelltown	19	4	5	10	30	56	13
Yugal	17	5	2	10	24	36	12
Warringah	16	5	2	9	17	22	12
Blacktown Assn	18	4	2	12	13	53	10
Nth Bankstown	18	3	2	13	20	32	8

Combined Point Score

DIV 2

Bankstown A	68	39	14	15	120	77	92
Rockdale	72	34	23	15	129	83	91
Nth Bankstown	74	37	11	26	149	89	85
Ku-ring-gai	68	31	16	21	128	74	78
Macarthur A	72	29	18	25	112	97	76
Uruguay	72	30	13	29	121	121	73
Manly Warringah	72	26	20	26	100	83	72
Gladesville	66	28	15	23	121	105	71
Polonia	72	26	18	28	107	109	70
Warringah	64	25	13	26	90	90	63
Blacktown A	72	25	13	34	97	119	63
Avala	64	17	18	29	101	160	52
Yugal	68	19	11	38	75	150	49
Campbelltown	76	14	17	45	81	174	45

METROPOLITAN UNDER 11:

Granville 12, Sutherland 10, Canterbury 8, St George 7, Sthn Districts 6, Macarthur 6, Bankstown 4, Sthn & Eastern 4, Blacktown 3, Nepean 3, Manly Warringah 3, Gladesville 0.

UNDER 12:

St George 13, Canterbury 10, Illawarra 9, Granville 9, Sthn & Eastern 9, Sutherland 9, Macarthur 8, Gladesville 6, Sthn Districts 6, Central Coast 6, Nepean 4, Manly Warringah 4, Ku-ring-gai 2, Bankstown 1, Blacktown 0.

WOMEN

Joy then lessons from China tour

FROM HEATHER REID

THE Australian women's Soccer team returned to Australia recently after reaching the quarter-finals of the FIFA Women's International Football Tournament held in China.

Australia made a bold start by defeating Brazil 1-0 in their first game, and Thailand 3-0 in the next.

They then faced 1987 European Championships, Norway, in the third match, with Norway desperately needing a win in order to keep their finals hopes alive.

As expected, the Norwegians dominated the game with their height advantage and played 'aerial football' which denied the Aussies any chance of playing their short-passing game.

Norway's three goals were all headed in from corners.

Brazil, Norway and Australia all qualified for the quarter finals after each team finished with four points in Group C.

Australia, however, was dropped to third place on goal difference, and their battle against China the top team from Group A, proved to be an unforgettable experience.

After such a hectic start to the tournament, the task of defeating the Chinese before a home crowd of more than 30,000 seemed too great for a relatively inexperienced Aussie side.

The resultant 7-0 defeat by China will remain in the minds of all who were witness to the magnificent display of football by the Chinese, and the failure of the Aussies to ov come the pressure.

China's loss to Sweden, 2-1, in the first semi-final was disappointing. Chinese coach Shang Ruihua, admitted to the local press that his team lost the game in defence.

Norway also won their semi-final, 2-1, by taking revenge against Brazil for their first round defeat. Again the Norwegians dominated in the air and used aggressive tactics to foil the talented Brazilians.

Norway won the final of the tournament in a rematch of the 1987 European Cup, by defeating Sweden, 1-0. Linda Medalen scored in the 55th minute after she caught the Swedish defence flat-footed and slotted past the keeper.

The Aussies can take some consolation in knowing that Norway went on to win the tournament and that they defeated third place Brazil.

Many lessons can be learned from the China experience and it is hoped that FIFA gives Australia a second chance to participate in a world competition and in particular the FIFA World Cup due to be held in 1990.

The scores for Australia were Janine Riddington, Julie Dolan, ulie Murray and Carol Vinson.

Results: Australia 1 d Brazil 0, Australia 3 d Thailand 0, Norway 3 d Australia 0.

Quarter-finals: China 7 d Australia 0, Sweden 1 d Canada 0, Norway 1 d USA 0, Brazil 2 d Netherlands 1.

Semi-finals: Sweden 2 d China 1, Norway 2 d Brazil 1.

Finals: 3v4 Brazil 4 d China 3 (penalties), 1v2 Norway 2 d Sweden 1.

WOMEN

World Cup problem

SOME senior Australian women internationals could be facing the axe after the team's performance in the world invitation tournament in China.

Australia reached the quarter-final of the competition, which was staged as a pilot for a full-blown World Cup for women in 1990, then crashed 7-0 to China.

A FIFA official remarked ominously that it was the worst result he had seen at that stage of an intenrational competition.

It could have made the difference between Australia being invited to the World Cup or staying at home.

Apparently a small minority of the teams was simply not prepared to adopt the responsible, professional attitude essential for those who aspire to compete at this level.

Meanwhile, Hawaii has joined the list of teams applying to take part in the Oceania Women's Cup, to be staged in Brisbane next year. Also entered are Australia, champion Chinese Taipai, New Zealand, and Hong Kong, with final decisions awaited from India, Papua New Guinea and Western Samoa.

While Hawaii, Hong Kong and India will compete as guest teams it is in Australia's interest to make the tournament as strong as possible, for only by winning will it mend its bridges with FIFA.

— GRAHAM COOKE

South Coast

ULLUDULLA High School have again proven that no NSW Far South Coast School can ever be taken lightly in the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup.

Being soundly beaten 4-0 by Shoalhaven High in 1987, it was up to coach Frank Boskovic to lift the spirts of Soccer in the school.

The nucleus of the team is made up of three NSW Country representatives, David McKnight, Mark Wil[redacted]s and Matthew Betts.

Most of the team play together for Milton Ulladulla Soccer Club in the Shoalhaven Youth League competition on Saturday mornings.

Playing together on the weekends has paid dividends with the results the school team has achieved.

They had wins over Nowra (2-1), Shoalhaven (3-2), Edmund Rice (2-0) to reach the Regional semi-final.

With only three years experience in this competition, Ulladulla has not only improved their best personal result but has also bettered any other Far South Coast schools' record.

Smiths Hill had already qualified to play Ulladulla with wins over Dapto (2-0), Kanahooka (5-1) and Warrawong (3-2).

In a game played in cold windy conditions, Smiths Hill ended Ulladulla's hopes with a narrow 1-0 victory.

Strong defence was the main feature in this game with both keepers Matthew Betts (Ulladulla) and James Petreski (Smiths Hill) playing key roles.

A decision to play reserve Robert Petrevski during the second half proved to be a match winner. After only 10 minutes Petrevski scored the vital goal.

Smiths Hill coach Malcolm Rowney was full of praise for the determination shown by the Ulladulla team and commented that the game could have gone either way.

Smiths Hill play the winner of Figtree and Holy Spirit in the NSW South Coast Regional Final.

— GARRY KEMP

ULLADULLA HIGH SCHOOL: Back row (from left) Shane Stewart, Allan Evans, Jamie Smith, Matthew Betts, Andrew Moulds, Sara Costa, Paul Davis, Frank Boskovic (Coach). Front: Mark Williams, Michael Colusso, David McKnight, Matthew Johnson, Bradley Gorman, Aaron Tisdell. Photo: Shoalhaven & Nowra News, photographer: Robert Crawford.

THE successful Sydney Metropolitan East Girls (pictured) are the 1988 NSW Inter-Regional champions. At right in the middle row is coach Chris James.

NSW SCHOOLS

Successful Bill Turner Cup night

THE first of the Sydney Regional finals for the year's Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup were held last Monday night at Francis Park Blacktown, in front of a large enthusiastic crowd.

The number of spectators was most gratifying for the convenors, and Freeman as well as Rooty Hill must especially be congratulated for their excellent support on the night.

Fairfield Patrician Brothers had the services of Chi Chi Mendez, who had captivated everyone two years previously with his diminutive size and excellent skills, against Benedict College.

Fairfield had most of the play in the first half and went ahead after a long drive from Pablo Capdevilla went in off a post to give them a half time lead of 1-0. This remained the score after an even second half.

The next game was the best of the evening — Belmore Boys High against Freeman Catholic School, roared on by their enthusiastic supporters.

Freeman had all the early play before Belmore dominated the latter stages of the first half but neither side could open the scoring by half time.

In the second half Belmore were awarded a penalty after a player was brought down in the box but Jonathan Magro saved well. Fulltime was reached with still no score.

So to extra time, and a great cross from the left and a header from Robert Palazolo gave Freeman a shock lead.

Yet another penalty to Belmore and again it was missed, adding to Belmore's despondency.

Later in the second period the Belmore goalie badly missed the ball leaving a simple tap in to Palazolo, making the final score 2-0 to Freeman.

The late game featured Rooty Hill and St Dominics.

Even though Rooty Hill had nearly all the play and did have a goal ruled out for a foul on the keeper ***— L HEWISON***

NSW Combined High Schools Squads

C.H.S. 1sts:

Terry Ide (Met. West/Muirfield HS), Scott Houghton (Met. Sth West/Sir Joseph Banks HS), Dean McWhirter (North Coast/Port Macquarie HS), Jason Mammone (Met. Sth West/Westfields HS), Robert Stanton (Met. West/Holroyd HS), Kerry Agiasotis (Met. Sth West/Holsworthy HS), Brent Caisley (Met. North/Henry Kendall HS), Brad Maloney (Met. West/Doonside HS), Paul Rago (Met. Sth West/Condell Park HS), Matthew Bingley (Met. West/Parramatta HS), George Sorras (Met. East/Cleveland St HS), Craig McGregor (Hunter/Booragul HS), John Danzo (South Coast/Keira HS), Marc Mlanic (Met. Sth West/Fairvale HS), Frank Mikuletic (Met. East/Canterbury BHS), Coach: Chris James, (Met. East/St George ILC), Manager: Ron Pratt (Met. West/Riverstone HS).

C.H.S. 2nds:

Tony Marco (Met. North/Marsden HS), Scott Wells (Hunter/Jesmond HS), Tony Bojkovski (Met. Sth West/Casula HS), Shayne Williams (Hunter/Whitebridge HS), Phil Vasic (Met. West/Granville BHS), Peter O'Brien (South Coast/Keira HS), Peter Bott (South Coast/Bulli HS), Cesar Mora (Met. East/Dulwich Hill HS), David Seal (Met. West/Penrith HS), Grant Bard (Met. Sth West/Punchbowl BHS), Darren Read (Met. West/Granville BSH), Remyle Galloway (Met. East/Dulwich Hill HS), John Kakakios (Met. East/Hurstville BHS), Mark Troth (South Coast/Berkeley HS), Mark Schwarzer (Met. West/Colo HS), Coach: Connell Byrne (Met. Sth West/East Hills BHS).

NSWCHS Inter Regionals

POOL A:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Met. South West	4	2	2	0	7	3	10
Met. East	4	2	2	0	5	2	10
North West	4	1	2	1	1	1	8
Riverina	4	1	0	3	2	5	6
Western	4	1	0	3	1	5	6

POOL B:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Met. West	4	3	1	0	7	1	11
South Coast	4	3	0	1	5	2	10
North Coast	4	0	3	1	1	2	7
Hunter	4	1	1	2	1	4	7
Met. North	4	0	1	3	1	6	5

SEMI-FINALS:

Met. South West 1 (Rago) def South Coast 0.
Met. West 1 (Maloney) def Met. East 0.

FINALISTS — SQUADS:

Metropolitan West:

Terry Ide, Jeff Gregson, Phil Vasic, Robert Stanton, Matthew Richardson, Greg Buchanan, Troy Shipley, Adam Haggar, Brad Maloney, Darren Read, Boris Surznjak, John Pozoglou, David Seal, Matthew Bingley, Mark Schwarzer. Coach/Manager: Ron Pratt.

Metropolitan South West:

Paul Taylor, Scott Houghton, Marc Mlanic, Jason Mammone, Eddie Pervan, Kerry Agiasotis, Zlatko Momircevski, Jason Wells, Paul Rago, Grant Bard, Steven Milovanovic, Tony Bojkovski, Danny Martinez, Jason Oldridge, Adam Confroy. Coach: Connell Byrne. Manager: Stuart Palmer.

PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT:

Kerry Agiasotis (Met. South West)

PLAYOFFS:

(3rd + 4th) Met. East 0 South Coast 0 (5.4 penalties)
(5th + 6th) North West 1 North Coast 0
(7th + 8th) Hunter 1 Riverina 0
(9th + 10th) Met. North 2 Western 1

FINAL POSITIONS:

1st Metropolitan West, 2nd Metropolitan South West, 3rd Metropolitan East, 4th South Coast, 5th North West, 6th North Coast, 7th Hunter, 8th Riverina, 9th Metropolitan North, 10th Western.

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World Wide

★ ***The transfer of West German international midfielder Bernd Schuster from Barcelona to Real Madrid has been confirmed. The fee is believed to be close to $10,000,000.***

★ *Wimbledon FA Cup hero Dave Beasant has moved to Newcastle United for a $600,000 transfer fee.*

★ ***Monaco have strengthened their side for next season's European Champions' Cup campaign by acquiring French internatifonal midfielder Jose Toure from Bordeaux. The size of the fee was not disclosed.***

★ *Stefan Petersson, who made a big impression when playing for IFK Gothenburg against the Socceroos early this year, was the subject of the biggest transfer fee paid for a Swedish player — $2,250,000 — when moving to Ajax Amsterdam recently.*

★ ***33-year-old former Italian international midfielder Marco Tardelli has been released by his Swiss club, St Gallen, whilst former World Cup winning teammate Giancarlo Antognoni is going on in leaps and bounds in the same league. Roberto Pruzzo recently moved to end his career in Switzerland also.***

★ *Former Hajduk Split and Yugoslavia player Pero Nadoveza has succeeded Bulgarian Ivan Vucov as Hajduk's coach.*

★ ***The notorious Wimbledon "dropped shorts" incident resulted in the club being fined $10,000 by the English FA's disciplinary committee for "bringing the game into disrepute".***

★ *Sheffield Wednesday have paid $550,000 to secure the services of Everton utility player Alan Harper.*

★ ***St Pauli of Hamburg beat SSV Ulm 1846 1-0 in a promotion play-off to gain a place in the West German first division.***

★ *Internazionale Milan are obviously keen to step out from under the shadow of neighbours and newly crowned Italian Champions AC Milan as soon as possible. They proved this by signing Algerian World Cup star Rabah Madjer (from Porto via Valencia of Spain for $8,000,000) and West German international Andreas Brehme (Bayern Munich; $2,600,000). They join Brehme's compatriot Lothar Matthaus as Inter's three permitted foreign players.*

★ ***Although East German League Champions for ten consecutive seasons, Dynamo Berlin have just gained their first success in the domestic Cup since 1959. They beat beat Carl Zeiss Jena 2-0 in the final.***

★ *Swedish international striker Johnny Ekstrom is reported to have signed for Bayern Munich from recently relegated Italian club Empoli.*

★ ***West Germany's star midfielder in Mexico two years ago, Felix Magath, has een dismissed as general manager of SV Hamburg.***

★ *Jocky Scott, who resigned as Dundee manager recently, has moved into the hot seat at Aberdeen. His assistant is the former St Mirren boss Alex Smith.*

★ ***In the Spanish promotion — relegation play offs, Real Oviedo and Real Murcia defeated Real Mallorca and Rayo Vallecano 2-1 and 4-2 on aggregate respectively to ensure themselves of places in the first division next season.***

★ *Though going down 3-2 before 7,000 spectators in Valetta to Wales, Malta confirmed their recent improvement.*

The free-scoring Carmel Busuttil notched two goals, but strikes by Barry Horne, Mark Hughes and Ian Rush secured victory for the Welsh.

★ ***ASW reminds its readers of just how the build-up to the Euro'88 tournament went and whether the results were any sort of pointer to the actualy outcome in the championship. . .West Germany's far from impressive build up to the European Championship finals continued with a 1-1 draw against Yugoslavia in Bremen. Mirsad Baljic's free kick from just outside the penalty area gave the Slavs a deserved lead in the 14th minute, which they retained until midway through the second half when Lothar Matthaus equalised.***

★ *A 37th minute goal by Ian Rush gave Wales their first ever victory over Italy in Brescia and ended Azzurri's European Championship finals build up on a sour note as the Welsh turned on the rough stuff. So much so that gifted wing-half Roberto Donadoni suffered a fractured nose and required eight stitches to the head after being fouled by defender Hodges. TV replays point to the Welshman actually running on the AC Milan player's head as he fell to the ground. . .he received a yellow card.*

★ ***Denmark timed their return to winning form well — defeating Belgium 3-1 with the European Championship finals commencing just a week later. Goals by Morten Olsen and John Eriksen (2) answered Jan Ceulemans 8th minute opener.***

★ *Spain gave their fans little reason for optimism prior to the European Championship finals when drawing 1-1 with Switzerland. Defender Genaro Andrinua put Spain ahead just before half time, but Beat Sutter grabbed the Swiss equaliser in the 62nd minute.*

★★★

EX-England Soccer International Gordon Cowans has rejoined his former club, Aston Villa, for 250,000 pounds sterling (447,000 dollars) after three years with Italian side Bari.

Cowans, 29, has signed a three-year contract with Villa, who won promotion to the First Division last season.

"I'm very happy to be returning to Villa," Cowans said. "I was always hopeful that I would rejoin them when I returned to England."

MARCO TARDELLI celebrating one of Italy's 1982 World Cup wins in Spain. He has been released by his Swiss club.

THE 1988 PRESIDENT'S CUP

GROUP A

Zambia beat Italy Third Division U/ 21 2-1 (Halftime 0-1)
Scorers: Zambia — Beston Chambeshi (70th minute), Simon Mwansa (71st)
Italy — Roberto Bidini (28th)
Atlas Club (Mexico) beat South Korea 'A' 2-1 (1-1)
Scorers: Atlas — Sergio Pacheco (43rd), Alberto Mariscal (86th)
South Korea — Choi Sang-Kuk (24th)

GROUP C

Soviet Union Olympic selection beat Iwuanyanuw Nationale (Nigeria) 1-0 (0-0)
Scorer: Soviet Union — Stas Pekhlevanidi (56th)
Queen's Park Rangers (England) drew with United States 1-1 (1-1)
Scorers: Queen's Park Rangers — Wayne Fereday (30th)
United States — Steve Trittschuh (2nd)
Standing after final round of games:

GROUP							
Atlas	3	2	1	0	5	2	5
South Korea	3	2	0	1	10	3	4
Zambia	3	1	0	2	2	7	2
Italy Third Division U/ 21	3	0	1	2	3	8	1

GROUP							
Soviet Union	3	3	0	0	5	0	6
Nationale (Nig)	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
QPR (England)	3	0	2	1	2	5	2
U.S.	3	0	1	2	3	5	1

NIGERIA's Olympic team clinched a place in the quarter-finals of the President's Cup football tournament despite a 1-0 deeat to the Soviet Union in their final group game.

Remember the tournament? The Socceroos finished runner's-up to host nation South Korea last season, following a gripping penalty shoot-out.

Nigeria slipped into the last eight ahead of English first division club Queen's Park Rangers, who bowed out of the tournament without a win after drawing 1-1 draw with the United States Olympic team in another Group-C match in Kumi.

Two teams from each of the four groups qualify for the quarter-finals and the Soviets topped Group-C after winning all three of their preliminary games.

The Soviets, the tournament favourites, made hard work of their win with striker Pekhlevanidy, a second-half substitute, scoring the solitary goal in the 56th minute.

Meanwhile in Seoul's Tongdaemun Stadium the South Korean Olympic team suffered their only defeat so far when they lost 2-1 to Mexican professional Club Atlas who qualify for the last eight as Group-A winners. The Koreans go through as group runners-up.

In the second Group-A match Zambia's Olympic team recorded their only victory of the tournament, winning 2-1 against an under-21 side from Italy.

★★★

TREVOR Francis, Queen's Park Rangers' former England forward, is thinking over an offer to go into management with his hometown club Plymouth Argyle.

The Second Division side want the much-travelled 32-year-old as a replacement for Dave Smith, now boss of Dundee.

I Francis should leave Loftus Road, Newcastle's Paul Goddard is his likely replacement, now that Luton have withdrawn fromt he running because they feel his 450,000-pound fee is too high.

Luton need someone to fillt he facuum left by the free transfer they gave to ex-England forward Brian Stein, who is now set to team up with his former boss at Kenilworth Road David Pleat, at Second Division Leicester.

Norwegian teenager Claus Estevaag is to spend a week at Manchester United on trial next month with a view to a 300,000-pound transfer from Start Kristiansand.

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MIKE McGarry scored 1 of the goals in New Zealand's 2-0 friendly win against Saudi Arabia in Melbourne. The other was an own goal from Waleed Alsagri.

Euro '88 Post Mortems

ITALY's reserve goalkeeper Stefano Tacconi complained of boredom because he did not get a game in Euro '88.

But at his home in Turin thieves have been at work in his absence stealing about 32,000 dollars worth of goods. "We had to win the championships," he said, "the bonuses would have helped me to replace the items."

Soviet coach Valeri Lobanowski hired a team cameraman for the European championships who filmed all matches in the championships. Trainers and players then studied each encounter in exhaustive detail, at the well guarded Soviet retreat at Ruit, to highlight potential weak spots in opponents.

Bavarian Interior Minister August Lang has complained that too much money was spent on security at the troubled European football championships.

He said 1.3 million Deutsche marks (340,000 dollars) was spent for the West Germany-Spain match and the final cost the same.

OVERSEAS OVERVIEW

With PAUL MOON

⋆ Chilean club Everton recently devised a novel method of raising cash — they sold international striker Ivo Bassay to Reims of France and then accepted a transfer fee for him from Mexico's Atlas. FIFA, however, WERE NOT AMUSED and levied a $80,000 fine.

⋆ Carlos Valderama, the current South American Footballer of the Year, is reported to have joined French League club Montpelier.

⋆ Former Scottish international winger Eddie Gray has been appointed manager of English second division club Hull City.

⋆ New Zealand Soccer's deepening financial problems have resulted in the two games scheduled for Brazil in the Shaky Isles after the Bicentennial Gold Cup tournament being called off.

⋆ Red Star Belgrade midfielder Refik Sabanadzovic, who suffered a severe head injury in a game last year and was in a coma for four days, made his Yugoslav League comeback recently against Osijek.

⋆ Former Uruguayan World Cup star Victor Esparrago has been appointed coach of Valencia. He guided Cadiz during the 1987-88 season.

⋆ Newell's Old Boys have succeeded their local rivals Rosario Central as Argentine National Champions.

⋆ A second half goal by Marc Degryse gave Belgian League Champions Bruges a 1-0 win over domestic Cup holders Anderlecht in the nation's Super Cup encounter at Brussels.

⋆ Metz won the French Cup for the second time, but were taken into extra-time and a penalty shoot-out before finally overcoming second division Sochaux.

Sochaux actually took the lead through Stephen Paille in the 35th minute, however Scottish intenrational striker Eric Black snatched an equaliser nine minutes later. There was no further scoring until the spot-kicks series commenced.

⋆ Tottenham Hotspur paid the largest transfer fee in their history — $3,000,000 — when signing Paul Stewart from Manchester City. Glasgow Rangers and Everton were also interested in the 23-year-old striker.

⋆ Former New Zealand international striker WYNTON RUFER has moved to Swiss Cup holders Zurich Grasshoppers from FC Aarau.

⋆ The broken leg that prevented Frank Arnesen from participating in the European Championship finals might bring the curtain down on the 31 year old Danish international's career, according to reports from Holland.

Ironically, the injury was sustained in a meaningless end of season Dutch League match between Arnesen's PSV Eindhoven and Dordrecht, who had respectively already been crowned champions and relegated.

⋆ Queen's Park Rangers, the pioneer of artificial pitches in England, has thankfully reverted back to a traditional grass surface.

⋆ Cesar Luis Menotti, coach of Argentina's World Cup winning side in 1978, has returned to the scene of that triumph. He is now in charge of River Plate — whose stadium hosted the Mundial final ten years ago.

⋆ New Zealand All White Grant Turner has returned to the game — just a couple of months after announcing his retirement through a recurring ankle injury. He is now with one of his previous clubs, Gisborne City.

On the ball in SOUTH AMERICA

BY MARIO ETCHART

In Montevideo the two Uruguayan representatives in the Libertadores Cup, drew 0-0.

Nacional and Wanderers played the first game of the Group 3, at the Montevideo's Estadio Centenario, in front of a crowd of only 5000.

In Group 3 are also the Colombians Millonarios and America of Cali.

Wanderers went to the game without its two best strikers, Enrique Baez and Peruvian star Carlos Cabanillas.

Wanderers played a very defensive game while Nacional could not break its rival's strong defence.

★★★

For the Libertadores Cup Group 3, in Bogota, America of Cali defeated Millonarios 3-2. The two Colombians teams in the major South American competition, created tremendous interest during the week and attracted a crowd of 55,000 to Bogota's El Campin Stadium.

America went ahead in the eighth minute when Anthony De Avila scored for the 1987 South American runners up. Two minutes later, Eduardo Pimentel, with a perfect free kick, equalised for Colombian champions Millonarios.

Three minutes before the end of the first half, Battaglia put America in front 2-1.

In 87th minute, Argentinian striker, Ricardo Careca, converted América's third goal and another Argentinian, Oscar Juarez, lessened the difference for Millonarios by scoring the second goal with a minute remaining.

$50 mill worth of players

BY KEITH GILMOUR

CONSERVATIVELY estimated, the Argentinian and Brazilian players involved in the Bicentennial Gold Cup series are valued at $60 million on the international to ansfer market.

To look at one player — Brazil's Renato — he is worth $3.2 million based on his transfer price to Roma in Italy. Add to that Valdo, sold to Benfica, the famous Portugese club, for $2.5 mill.

The series, haled as the greatest Soccer event ever staged in Australia, kicks off in Adelaide tonight (Wednesday).

A cavalcade of top matches then stretches between Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra.

Highlights include Australia — Brazil (Thursday July 7) at Olympic Park, Argentina — Brazil (Sunday July 10), also at Olympic Park, and Australia — Argentina (Thursday July 14) and the final (Sunday July 17). The latter two games will be played at the luxurious new Sydney Football Stadium.

Saudi Arabia has a squad of 26, Argentina 22, Brazil 20, whilst Australian coach Frank Arok had his strength increased from 20 to 22, although Mike Petersen is a doubtful starter due to groin strain.

The Bicentennial Gold Cup series is the brainchild of Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George.

He will retire from office, after a long career, at the ASF annual meeting on July 29.

Under FIFA rules, a Gold Cup must include at least two World Cup winners, and so Argentina and Brazil strode onto the stage.

The series will be beamed out to 56 countries, with over 15 receiving live cover.

$120,000 is the first prize purse, and the overseas televising and local liaison was set up by Patrick Nally of Pascoe Nally Ltd.

There is no doubt that all participants will put their shoulders to the wheel.

Australian coach Frank Arok said: "At this stage of the national team rebuilding cycle I believe we can handle anyone, but I'm not bigmouthing our position.

"We have excellent goalscorers and we know how to handle over defence and build-ups.

"Playing Brazil means that we both get to know about each other's play, as we meet in the same Olympic Games group in South Korea."

YOUR GOLD CUP DIARY

WED JULY 6 Argentina v Saudi Arabia
at Football Park Adelaide 8pm (ABC TV 11.15pm)
THURS JULY 7 Australia v Brazil
at Olympic Park 8pm (TV 10.45pm)
SAT JULY 9 Australia v Saudi Arabia
at Parramatta Stadium 3pm (TV 3pm)
SUN JULY 10 Argentina v Brazil
at Olympic Park 3pm (TV 3PM)

WED JULY 13 Brazil v Saudi Arabia
at Olympic Park 8pm (TV 11.15pm)
THURS JULY 14 Australia v Argentina
at Sydney Football Stadium 8pm (TV 10.45pm)
SAT JULY 16 Playoff for third place
at Bruce Stadium Canberra 1.05pm (TV 1.05pm)
SUN JULY 17 Bicentennial Final
at Sydney Football Stadium 3pm (TV 3pm)

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